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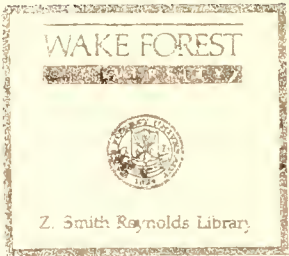


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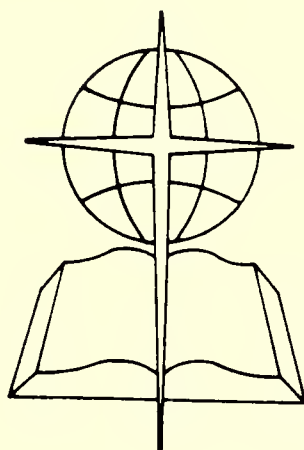
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“Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children
another generation.” — *Joel 1:3*

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour,

And on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost,

We do now, in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort;

To promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines;

To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances;

To walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment;

To avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger;

To abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love;

To remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech;

To be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

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INTRODUCTION

As one who has attended Burgaw Baptist Church for almost sixty-two years and who has been a continuous member for a little less than fifty-one years, I am delighted that our church accepted my offer to write on the occasion of our Centennial Celebration this history of a church we all love!

Writing this history has been such a rewarding task and is one that I have enjoyed to the fullest. Much work and research were required, but the effort really turned out to be a pleasure.

I wish our records for the past one hundred years were complete. We had official minutes only from October 1, 1918, through December 31, 1933, and from September 1, 1936, to the present. That covers about sixty-three years, and in many instances the facts and details were vague.

I have tried very hard to be accurate and to avoid errors and omissions. If any are found, they are certainly unintentional. Some may wonder why certain things are mentioned in this history while perhaps other significant things to them are not included. Availability of sufficient information and space were important factors. I tried as best I could to present a good cross section of what has happened in our church during these one hundred years. I am positive that you will agree with me that it is very difficult to condense one hundred years of activities in any Baptist church into a fairly small book.

This history is informal and is perhaps different from other church histories because I have purposely listed many individual names as officers, committees, program participants, and in other ways. We must remember that people have made up our church for the past century!

As I have worked for almost two years in preparing this history, I have talked with countless individuals—church members, former members, and others—who have been most helpful in providing information. I thank all of them for such valuable assistance.

I also express appreciation to these sources of information: Mrs. John O. (Beulah) Giddens, editor of *The Pender Chronicle*; W. M. Reaves, author of *History of Burgaw, N. C., Centennial Edition*; The Wilmington Baptist Association; the Baptist Historical Collection, Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N. C.; three departments of Pender County Government—Library, Register of Deeds' Office, and Tax Supervisor's Office; and our former pastors and present pastor who took time to review the respective portions concerning their years of service to our church.

Special thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lewis for their generosity in providing a copy of this history to every church family and to our former pastors.

Too, I want to thank Mrs. Glenn D. (Faye) Sellers for her assistance in reviewing the script and offering so many helpful suggestions for the editing.

My dear wife, Elizabeth, has been very supportive to me in this venture, for which I am truly grateful.

Again, I would like to thank our wonderful church for permitting me to complete this enjoyable assignment. It is my sincere hope and prayer that all who read this history now or in the years to come will find it to be interesting and inspiring!

Howard Holly

September 13, 1984

(It is hard now for us to realize the transportation difficulties faced by the citizens of our community in 1884. A railroad came through the town of Burgaw, but roads were few, very narrow, and usually in poor condition—especially in wet weather. This was before the days of paved roads in Burgaw. Since cars as we know them were not available, the only way of locally travelling was by foot, horse and buggy, or mule and wagon.)

It was keenly felt by some of the Baptists of that day that a Missionary Baptist Church was needed in what promised to be a growing county seat town, and so the few Baptists in the community began to pray and to work. They were assisted by neighboring Mount Holly Baptist Church.

A history of Mount Holly Baptist Church written by Mrs. Laura Carroll Cox in 1964 on the occasion of that church's one hundred and fiftieth anniversary contains this information: "Mount Holly is the Mother Church of some of the most outstanding Churches of our community. The people of the Willard Community were the first to organize in the year 1882. In 1883 the Maple Hill folks saw the need of a Church near home, so from Mount Holly went some of the people who helped to organize what is now known as Maple Hill Baptist Church. Next came the Burgaw people and again in the year of 1884 some of the good Christians from Mount Holly helped to organize the Burgaw Baptist Church. . . ."

A note of interest reveals that George Melvin Carr (1860-1888), a roving newspaper correspondent covering eastern North Carolina, had visited Burgaw on February 4, 1884—about seven months before our church was organized—and had written the following about our town and its people: "It would not be out of place right here to notice the handsome, commodious and convenient courthouse which the taxpayers of Pender have but lately completed, at a cost of nearly ten thousand dollars. It does not cover as much ground as the courthouse of some few other counties in our state, but for neatness and convenience it ranks with the best. It is surely an honor to Pender and her citizens, and shows what a people can do if they only have the mind to. We cannot conclude without speaking of the rapid growth of Burgaw, and offering a laudatory word to its founders for the noble and wonderful improvements they have made in so short a period. Six years ago Burgaw was nothing more nor less than an open Savannah, 'first cousin' to the 'big Savannah,' between here and South Washington, and which people say will not 'sprout cow peas,' but today Pender's county seat bears the impress of a prosperous little town. Within her corporate limits there are many real handsome residences, not mentioning the stores, livery stables, etc. Not forgetting the duty they owe their children, the inhabitants have a flourishing academy, under the supervision of that efficient young teacher, Prof. Jas. F. Moore. In conclusion we must say that the people of Burgaw are as clever and hospitable as men well can be."

Charter Members

First Pastor

First Meeting Place

Reports furnished to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina at that time show that Burgaw Baptist Church had nineteen charter members, consisting of five males and fourteen females. These reports reveal that no regular pastor for our church is listed until 1886, when Rev. W. B. Pope of Warsaw, N. C., is listed as the first pastor. Some of the early members—but not necessarily charter members—were J. T. Bland, J. C. Carroll, Mrs. Liza Highsmith, H. M. Hocutt, John Wright Bowen, A. E. Taylor, and J. D. Hocutt.

The Burgaw Academy building, erected in 1878 by the citizens of the community, was used as a meeting place by the small group of Burgaw Baptist members from the time of

organization of the church until the late 1890's, at which time a church building was constructed on the corner of Wright and Bridgers Streets, our present location. At that time, the Burgaw Academy was located about one block east of the Courthouse Square, near the intersection of Fremont and Cowan Streets, and either on or near the lot that houses the Pender County Administration Building.

(In addition to use as a school, the Academy was used for church services, Sunday School, programs and many other public gatherings. It was truly the center of community life in Burgaw.)

Discipline Early Customs

Like all other Southern Baptist churches of that day, our church was also very strict in disciplining members from the year of its organization in 1884 until well in the 1900's. Burgaw Baptists were expected to fully conform to the rules of the church at all times.

Many of the customs were quite different from those of today. For instance, our church would not condone dancing, using profane language, being lax in attendance, failing to answer the roll call at regular quarterly conferences without good reasons, failing to "pay dues," drinking intoxicating beverages or engaging in cardplaying or gambling. When a member did something that was in conflict with rules established by the church, he or she was asked to appear before the church at conference and state the reasons. At that time such member was either forgiven and taken back into full membership of the church or dismissed from the church. Before anyone was dismissed, however, every possible avenue was exhausted in trying to keep people in full fellowship. Committees were appointed to contact the violators and beg that these wayward members come back to the church, ask forgiveness, and, thereby, be restored to full fellowship.

Moreover, no man ever sat in church with his wife or girl friend. The right-hand side of the church was for the women, and the left-hand side was for the men. Deacons always sat in front in an area known as the "amen corner."

Too, the communion service was very different from the one we use today. Two large goblets (filled with home-made wine), one for the women and one for the men, were passed for each member to take a sip. Visitors from other denominations or those who were not members of the church were politely asked to be dismissed from the communion portion of the service.

Interestingly, women took great pride in always wearing hats to church.

Early Pastors and Figures

Pastors other than our first one who labored with the growing congregation during the earlier and difficult years were the Reverends L. M. Curtis, D. C. Rogers, Solomon D. Swaim, R. E. Peele, M. C. Walton, J. M. Bennett, and C. H. Utley.

This article appeared in a local paper on April 27, 1890: "The Rev. C. Rogers of the Burgaw Baptist Church was stricken with an illness while in the pulpit preaching the Sunday service. He was carried to the residence of John T. Bland, Esq."

In 1885 these pledges were made by our church: \$1.00 to Home Missions, \$25.00 to Foreign Missions, and \$2.50 to Christian Education.

Our letter to the Eastern Baptist Association in 1885 reported that all expenses amounted to \$34.62.

The 1886 associational letter gave these expenses: Pastor's Salary, \$150.00; Church Expenses, \$3.50; Education, \$2.50; Foreign Missions, \$5.00; Home and Indian Missions, \$1.00; and Minute Fund, \$.55. These items totaled \$162.55.

The first Sunday School figures shown concerning our church were in 1887 when we had sixty-five persons enrolled.

In 1888 church membership had increased to only thirty-eight, of which fourteen were males and twenty-four were females.

Records in 1897 revealed that our church membership was seventy-two and that six had been excluded. Our Sunday School enrollment for that year had dropped to thirty-five. The total expenditures for that year amounted to \$148.72.

Lot Purchased

Our original church lot was purchased on March 7, 1892, for the sum of \$80.00. The deed called for approximately one acre of land. It was signed by J. T. Foy, A. C. Moore and H. A. Bland, "in their official character constituting the Municipal Corporation of the Board of Commissioners of Pender County, parties of the first part; and H. M. Hocutt, J. T. Bland, and J. C. Carroll, in their official character constituting the Trustees of the Baptist Church of Burgaw, parties of the second part." However, the deed was not recorded in the Pender County Registry until October 31, 1895—three and one-half years after it was signed.

First Building

Stirring stories have been related through the years concerning the sacrifices, hard work and steadfast faith of those who had a part in constructing the first building.

The work was done by the men of the church. One of the leaders was John Wright Bowen who went into the woods, cut the timber for the building, and brought it to Burgaw, where he helped others put it together. Total expenditures during 1898 amounted to \$595.04, of which \$472.08 was spent on the new building under construction. Our associational letter in 1899 reported that \$670.55 was spent for all causes, including construction. The letter listed the value of the church property for that year as \$1,400.00, with the church owing a \$100.00 debt. The time of church meeting in that letter was listed as: "3rd Sunday and the Saturday before." A local newspaper article printed June 14, 1899, gave this interesting news: "The Rev. M. C. Walton and J. T. Bland, of Burgaw, were gathering materials for the completion of the new Baptist Church at Burgaw. It has a seating capacity for 350 people."

The church continued to maintain a slow but steady growth of membership and Christian service. Miss Annie Highsmith and several others were baptized into the church's fellowship in an improvised wooden baptismal pool built and used for this one occasion in the Burgaw Academy at the conclusion of a revival.

The first wedding conducted in the new church was on June 30, 1904, when Miss Annie Highsmith became the bride of F. T. Croom.

This brief article appeared in a local newspaper on March 15, 1907: "Some citizens of Burgaw were upset when it was learned that the organ of the Baptist Church was loaned to a vaudeville company in town for two nights. It was thought that 'their sacred instrument should not be used for ungodly purposes.'"

Rev. Peele Pastors Twice

Rev. R. E. Peele served two different pastorates at our church. He was pastor from 1893 until 1895. He became pastor again in 1910 and served until 1913. This article appeared in

the local press concerning our pastor on August 1, 1911: "Rev. R. E. Peele of the Burgaw Baptist Church is a preaching man. Since January 1st, he has delivered 127 sermons. He formerly served the Brooklyn Baptist Church in Wilmington."

The church had one hundred twenty-five members in 1911, and our Sunday School enrollment was eighty-three. Total gifts for that year amounted to \$568.00. In 1912 our total gifts had increased to \$973.34.

The record of the first Woman's Missionary Society in our church was listed in 1911. The president was Mrs. R. E. Peele, the pastor's wife; and she served for two years. Nineteen ladies were enrolled, and gifts from that group the first year for Foreign Missions amounted to \$12.93. The Sunbeam leader in 1911 was Miss Pearl Bowen.

Rev. Weston's Pastorate

Rev. E. L. Weston led the church in many accomplishments during the time he was our pastor from 1913 to June 15, 1919, part of which period covered World War I.

The Woman's Missionary Society listed twenty members in 1913, and gifts to Foreign Missions totalled \$21.63. Thirty were enrolled in the Sunbeams that year.

Our church membership had decreased to ninety-five in 1914, and we had one hundred nine in Sunday School. Total receipts that year on the budget amounted to \$888.00.

The entire budget for the year beginning October 1, 1918 was \$900.02, as shown below:

Pastor's Salary	\$ 400.00
Sunday School Expenses	47.87
The Poor	14.00
Minute Fund	3.50
State Missions	80.00
Home Missions	80.00
Foreign Missions	143.79
Sunday School Missions	5.00
Orphanage	\$6.81
Christian Education	10.00
Ministerial Relief	15.00
Other Objects	14.05
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	\$ 900.02

The budget was prepared and presented to conference by the Finance Committee consisting of W. R. Harrell and W. C. Dicksey.

During the pastorate of Rev. Weston in 1918, two consecrated Christians were elected as church officers; and both served in these posts as well as in various other capacities in an inspiring manner for over a quarter of a century, resigning in 1944. These were W. C. Dicksey as treasurer and W. R. Harrell as clerk.

Rev. Weston is our only former pastor whose wife and daughter have both headed the Woman's Missionary Society of our church. His wife was president in 1915-1916. Many years later his daughter, Mrs. John W. (Frances) Register (who lived in Burgaw at that time), was president in 1951-1952.

The Woman's Missionary Society enrollment in 1917 was thirty. Gifts from them for Foreign Missions amounted to \$63.95.

Our church membership in 1919 was one hundred seven—forty-one males and sixty-six females. Sunday School enrollment that year was one hundred twenty-seven. Gifts to all causes totalled \$1,235.09.

A discussion at church conference on May 18, 1919, related to some needed repairs at the parsonage. It is not known when the first parsonage located beside the church was constructed. It could have been built around 1905.

Rev. Powers Leads

Rev. J. H. Powers of Ocean View, Virginia, became our pastor on November 1, 1919, and served until May 1, 1924.

The church approved the purchase of one hundred song books on April 18, 1920. On that same day, conference ordered that we celebrate the Lord's Supper semi-annually, on the third Sunday in May and on the third Sunday in October. The week of May 2-9, 1920, was observed as "Go To Sunday School Week" throughout the church. Our Sunday School enrollment in 1920 reached two hundred. That year we gained fifty-one members by baptism, twenty-five by letter, but lost fifteen, making our membership total one hundred sixty-eight. Our first Baptist Young People's Union, the forerunner of our Training Union and Church Training was organized on September 19, 1920. The first president was Stacie Bowen, and Miss Ethel May George, Miss Melba Kenan, Miss Sallie Harrell and Pearlie Teachey were group captains. D. H. Marshburn was adult leader of this organization, affectionately known for many years in Baptist work as the B.Y.P.U.

The church voted on September 18, 1921, to authorize the Sunday School to take full use of the new "Normal Manual" and also directed "that the Sunday School put on automobiles or trucks in various sections and bring folks into Sunday School." This effort paid off with a Sunday School enrollment of two hundred eighty-eight in 1921. The church membership had grown to one hundred eighty. Gifts during that year amounted to \$2,210.60. Sunday School officers approved by the church on October 1, 1921, were:

W. R. Harrell	Superintendent
J. T. Bland	Associate Superintendent
C. E. McCullen	Associate Superintendent
W. C. Dicksey	Senior Department Superintendent
A. H. Davis	Junior and Intermediate Departments Superintendent
Mrs. W. I. (Berta) Taylor	Primary and Beginners Department
Mrs. W. C. (Fannie) Dicksey	Superintendent and Teacher for Cradle Roll

Teachers

Mrs. B. C. (Bertha) Boney	Beginners
Mrs. Charles (Victoria) Lanier	Primary Boys
Miss Sallie Harrell	Primary Girls
Mrs. C. E. (Julia) McCullen	Junior Boys
Mrs. R. Y. Corbett	Junior Girls
Mrs. J. T. (Lorena) Bland	Intermediate Girls
J. L. Harrell	Intermediate Boys
H. I. Bowen	Berean Class
C. E. McCullen	Fidelis Class
W. L. Beach	Bible Class
J. T. Bland	Bible Class (Assistant)

Leaders of the Baptist Young People's Union in 1922 included Evander Bowen, L. R. George, Miss Vera Bullard and Miss Mary L. Williams. Two groups were organized; the enrollment was forty-one.

A Sunday School annex adjoining the auditorium was added during the early 1920's. The law office of J. T. Bland was later purchased by the men for their Sunday School classroom.

Dr. Taylor Becomes Pastor

On April 20, 1924, a joint conference was held in Burgaw with the Wallace, Teachey, Riley's Creek, and Riverside Churches. It was mutually agreed that the five churches "do away with the old plan of employing a pastor and to form a field with Burgaw as the center or head and one with Wallace as center or head." Burgaw, Riley's Creek, and Riverside agreed to form a pastoral field; and Burgaw was selected as the center. Our pastors in those early years were all part-time in our church. They served other churches in addition to our church. Most of the pastors served at least two churches other than ours, and some of them served more.

Dr. C. R. Taylor of Graham, Texas, but a native of the Riley's Creek Community in Pender County, began a fruitful ministry with our church on August 1, 1924, and served until February 28, 1932. During his leadership great expansion was made in the Sunday School with attendance at times exceeding two hundred. On January 20, 1924, the church voted to favor a "joint protracted or series of revival services to be held by the various churches of the town in the tobacco warehouse in the spring or early summer of this year." In addition to a budget of \$1,200.00 in 1924, the church gave \$171.00 that year as its portion of a Ford touring car for our pastor. Mrs. R. T. (Dora) Murray was president of the Woman's Missionary Society in 1924, and Mrs. W. C. (Gertie) Myers was Sunbeam leader. The final note for the Sunday School rooms was paid in 1925, and the Sunday School enrollment that year was two hundred sixty-nine. The membership of our church in 1925 was two hundred seventeen. The Woman's Missionary Society contributed \$321.90 to Foreign Missions in 1925. Our church membership had increased to two hundred sixty-five in 1930. We had two hundred eighty-two enrolled that year in Sunday School with an average attendance of one hundred eighty-four. Mrs. W. J. (Sallie) Marshburn was Woman's Missionary Society president in 1930. Other mission leaders that year were Mrs. J. H. (Ruth) Burnett, Royal Ambassador leader; Mrs. J. T. (Daisy) Harrell, Girls Auxiliary leader; and Miss Ethel Highsmith, Sunbeam leader. Enrollment in all these groups amounted to fifty-eight. Our budget for the year beginning October 16, 1930, was \$1,640.00, shown below:

Pastor's Salary	\$ 600.00
Janitor	80.00
Fuel and Lights	35.00
Insurance	40.00
Stationary, Minutes, Etc.	35.00
Building and Repairs	50.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	50.00
Literature	150.00
Cooperative Program	400.00
Orphanage	200.00
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	\$1,640.00

Members of the Budget Committee were W. C. Dicksey, K. D. Brown, Mrs. W. I. (Berta) Taylor, Mrs. W. C. (Gertie) Myers, and W. R. Harrell. In 1931 our Sunday School enrollment was two hundred sixty-one, and the average attendance had climbed to two hundred forty-four. An "Every Member Canvass Promotion Committee" composed of C. E. McCullen, Mrs. W. J. (Sallie) Marshburn, W. R. Harrell, Mrs. W. I. (Berta) Taylor, Mrs. C. R. (Estelle) Taylor, King D. Brown, Miss Clara Newton, A. H. Davis, W. C. Dicksey, Miss Mary Ruth Davis, F. G. Dawkins, and J. H. Carlton was elected by the church on October 18, 1931, to contact the membership in an effort to subscribe the budget for 1931-1932. Dr. Taylor was committee chairman. Our first Daily Vacation Bible School was held during Dr. Taylor's pastorate.

Rev. Page Comes

Rev. W. P. Page became our pastor on August 27, 1933, following a pastorate at Key West, Florida. He remained with us until September 30, 1936.

Prior to Rev. Page's coming, the church on June 4, 1933, appointed a special canvass committee to raise the balance of \$402.00 needed to meet the budget. The committee was composed of all ladies—Mrs. A. C. (Bessie) Blake, Mrs. J. H. (Ruth) Burnett, Mrs. W. C. (Gertie) Myers, Mrs. D. O. (Margaret) Matthews, Mrs. Dana E. (Sallie) Bowen, Mrs. J. H. (Annie) Bannerman, and Mrs. W. J. (Sallie) Marshburn. Needless to say, they successfully completed their assignment.

The church roll greatly increased during those years with ninety-seven members being added during Rev. Page's second year.

Let us review some of the figures concerning our church's activities in 1934— fifty years ago. The pastor's salary was \$490.00 for a year, and we had church services only on the first and third Sundays of each month. All local expenses for that year amounted to \$982.31; and the sum of \$317.22 comprised our gifts for benevolent causes, making a grand total of \$1,299.53 for the entire year. We had three hundred forty-eight members on the church roll. Our Sunday School enrollment was two hundred seventy-seven, but the average attendance was only one hundred twenty-nine. Total valuation of all church property was \$6,000.00.

Rev. Pollock's Brief Pastorate

Rev. A. L. Pollock became our pastor on February 1, 1937, and remained until April 30, 1938.

The church voted on March 7, 1937, "To appoint the following special committee to raise \$100.00 and install the plumbing fixtures and make certain repairs on the parsonage: J. H. Carlton—chairman, W. C. Dicksey, A. H. Davis, Mrs. W. C. (Tessie) Dicksey, Mrs. W. C. (Gertie) Myers, W. R. Harrell, and Mrs. L. R. (Lucille) George."

The church adopted the rotation system of electing deacons during this pastorate. On June 6, 1937, the seven deacons then serving resigned and wrote the following letter: "We, the undersigned deacons of Burgaw Baptist Church, having been elected without any limit as to the time we should serve, and having served as deacons for a long period of time, and being of the opinion that it would be to the best interest of the church to divide the official duties and responsibilities of the church among the active members, and possibly to rotate officers and duties, and believing that it would be advisable not to elect any of the officers to serve for life, or during good behavior, but for a fixed period; and whereas the church, after being without a pastor and leader for several months, has now secured a pastor and seems to be ready to start out on an enlarged program; and whereas we feel that the program could best be carried on by relieving us of our duties as deacons and let us fall in line behind a new board of deacons composed entirely of those who are not now serving in this capacity. We most humbly, respectfully and reverently tender our resignation as deacons to take effect at once, and hereby renew our pledge of loyalty and devotion to the church and to its work. Respectfully submitted, W. C. Dicksey—chairman; J. H. Carlton, C. E. McCullen, B. C. Boney, T. D. Sasser, J. L. Harrell, W. R. Harrell."

The church accepted these resignations and named a steering committee to serve until new deacons were elected. The steering committee was composed of A. H. Davis—chairman, L. R. George, J. T. Harrell, Mrs. J. H. (Annie) Bannerman, Mrs. W. C. (Gertie) Myers, and Mrs. D. O. (Margaret) Matthews.

On July 18, 1937, these deacons were named under the rotation plan: A. H. Davis and L. R. George (six years), O. H. James and Clayton Carter (four years), and W. O. Savage (two years).

Our annual letter to the association for the year ending September 30, 1937, furnished this information: "Total membership, 355; 262 enrolled in Sunday School with an average attendance of 137; 64 enrolled in Woman's Missionary Union, and they contributed \$126.09 that year for mission; local church expenses, \$927.15; mission gifts, \$271.10; total disbursements, \$1,198.25."

Rev. Duling Is Pastor New Building Planned

Rev. C. W. Duling came as our pastor on July 3, 1938, and led the church faithfully until May 11, 1942, when he entered the Chaplaincy of the United States Armed Forces during World War II. He was granted a leave of absence to cover his military service.

Rev. Duling, referring to his wife and himself, stated that "We came to Burgaw fresh out of Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pennsylvania. We are both natives of West Virginia. I was born and reared in Nicholas County. The county seat is Summersville." Rev. Duling was recommended to our church by Rev. A. L. Pollock who preceded him as our pastor. They had become acquainted with one another when Rev. Pollock had gone to Crozer Theological Seminary for a graduate degree during the time Rev. Duling was a student there.

In addition to serving as our pastor when he first came to Burgaw, Rev. Duling was pastor at Riverside, Teachey, and Island Creek Baptist Churches. He recalled that in 1938 "T-Bone steak was 25¢ a pound at Humphrey Brothers. But quarters were as big as wagon wheels."

Rev. Duling had a bad automobile accident in August 1939, and Mrs. Duling was seriously injured. As he termed it: ". . . She has nursed a semi-invalid condition since and has done nobly at it." The family will always remember how helpful and supportive the church members were in doing everything possible to help Mrs. Duling and the family following the accident.

During Rev. Duling's pastorate it became apparent that our growing church needed more room in which to better work and serve God. On Sunday, November 19, 1939, the church authorized the pastor to appoint a committee "to consider the request of one of the Sunday School classes for a classroom, the suggestion for a new building, and any other plan or phase for the improvement of our property so as to have an adequate plant for carrying on our church and Sunday School program, and to present some kind of recommendation to the church." The pastor named the following persons to serve on this important committee: The Deacons—L. R. George, A. H. Davis, Clayton Carter; The Building and Grounds Committee—J. L. Harrell, E. T. Batson, Norman C. Blake, Mrs. L. R. (Lucille) George, Mrs. N. C. (Mary Smith) Wolfe; Finance Committee—W. C. Dicksey, Mrs. W. C. (Tessie) Dicksey, R. R. Rich, B. C. Boney, J. T. Harrell, J. H. Carlton; Members at large—W. R. Harrell, Mrs. Lessie Wells, Mrs. D. O. (Margaret) Matthews, T. D. O'Quinn, Mrs. J. H. (Annie) Bannerman, Mrs. Fletcher (Lorena) Herring, William Chadwick, Miss Ethel Baugh, Miss Lucille Shearon, Mrs. J. H. (Ruth) Burnett, Mrs. D. H. (Bettie) Marshburn, W. J. Marshburn, Graham Carlton, Marion Rivenbark, Mrs. Charles (Victoria) Lanier, Mrs. W. C. (Gertie) Myers, and Mrs. A. Lee (Mayme) Bowen.

The committee worked hard, and it was the feeling that a suitable church was needed and could be erected for \$22,000.00. That was big money forty-five years ago! Leslie N. Boney, Wilmington, N. C., was the architect; Henry E. Tralle of Washington, D. C., served as consultant. Printed brochures giving a detailed plan of the proposed new church building were distributed. On the back sheet of the brochure was a message entitled "Why Build A New Church?" It was signed by W. R. Harrell, chairman of the Finance Committee; D. J. Farrior,

chairman of the Building Committee; and Rev. C. W. Duling, pastor. The message—a very good one—follows:

Why Build A New Church?

1. We have outgrown the old one. Three Sunday School classes are now meeting outside the church in the near-by homes of the members. Two of them have been doing so for many months. Three classes meet in the auditorium. Noise and confusion!
2. A building dedicated to the worship of God and to Christian education should be pleasing in appearance and conducive to worship.
3. The building we have does not compare favorably with the other churches in town.
4. A church cannot advertise as businesses do. Our church building advertises for us—seven days a week. Let its very appearance say, 'This is God's House; worship with us.'
5. We need a new building for the sake of those whose very lives have gone into ours—who kept the torch of faith aglow in their day, and have passed it on to us. If we break faith with those who died, they cannot sleep.
6. We need a new church for our own sake. We must live and have fellowship with one another and with God. We owe it to ourselves.
7. We need a new church for the sake of our children and all those whose footsteps follow ours. We build for them. An investment in childhood and youth is an investment where 'moth and rust do not consume, and where thieves do not break through and steal.'
8. We need a new church for Christ's sake. He has given His best. He must have the pre-eminence. He must have our best.
9. In an age of uncertainty, fear and confusion, we need a church that will sound a clear note of courage and faith, and that will say, 'We know in whom we have believed; we know where we are going.'

For more than a half century the Burgaw Baptist Church has been serving the community. During all these years there have been faithful and devoted soldiers of the Cross who made the ministry of the church possible. Today we are blessed by those who have ceased from their labors. They have not labored in vain.

For many years the church has been under the handicap of an inadequate building. In spite of that handicap the church has made progress. All indications are that God's blessing and approval have been on the church. Our century is one of progress. Streamlined automobiles and Diesel-engined trains and buses have supplanted the horse and buggy. Better schools, better roads, better homes are on every hand. The church must recognize that it does not live in horse-and-buggy days; it must be up and doing if it is to command the respect of the community and render a worthy ministry in the twentieth century. The greatest loss an individual or an institution can experience is the loss of self-respect. The Burgaw Baptists are in danger of losing their self-respect; they will unless they 'rise up and build' a church worthy of their forebears, worthy of themselves and worthy of the Christ they serve.

There are those among us who have been a vital part of this church for a good many years. They would like to have a part in seeing a worthy church plant erected in their day. If we wait much longer some of them will not see that building. 'Now is the accepted time.'

After several months' planning and consultation, the building illustrated in this brochure has been projected. The best advice possible has been sought. It seems to the committee that such a church as this will be adequate for our needs for a generation. We are told that it can be erected for \$22,000.00 or less. We see the needs are imperative. We can build this building easily if we will. We ought! We can! Will we? 'Are ye able,' said the Master. 'Lord, we are able!'

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This was a powerful challenge! It was accepted! An immediate financial drive for a beginning goal of \$8,000.00 was launched.

Our church letter to the association for the year ending September 30, 1940, revealed the following information: "341 members; 9 baptisms; 280 enrolled in Sunday School with an average attendance of 152; 71 enrolled in Woman's Missionary Union; 10 Sunday School teachers holding a teaching diploma; \$1,523.40 spent for local church needs; \$473.04 spent for missions and benevolences; \$1,996.44 total money paid out."

Rev. Duling was our pastor on that tragic Sunday morning, December 7, 1941, when Pearl

Harbor was attacked and World War II was on. By 1942 the Building Fund contained \$4,780.00. Shortly after the war began, it became a reality that building must be delayed. However, it was stressed that the church should continue to raise funds so that the needed building could be constructed later.

Rev. Acree Leads

Rev. R. W. Acree of Plant City, Florida, served as our pastor from July 19, 1942, to December 5, 1943, during the leave of absence granted to Rev. Duling. During the pastorates of both Rev. Duling and Rev. Acree, the church began to realize the great need for a full-time pastor.

In recalling his pastorate, Rev. Acree said: "I especially felt that the church was strong enough in 1943 to begin a full-time ministry, and I sought to encourage the members to launch into such a program. One thing about the time spent there were dark hours of World War II, the encampment of many soldiers in the area, and our efforts to minister to them. I also remember manning the watch tower in bitter night time hours, and also that the soldiers married every eligible girl in the area."

A report of the church treasurer from October 1, 1942, through September 30, 1943, presented at church conference on October 3, 1943, listed total budget receipts as \$2,533.09 plus \$278.78 for special collections, or a total of \$2,811.87. Disbursements for that period totalled \$2,553.21, of which \$482.07 was for missions. The Woman's Missionary Union reported that its contributions to missions that year amounted to \$160.81. A total of \$3,316.00 was raised that church year for the New Church Building Fund. Our report to the association for the year ending September 30, 1943, included these facts: "Gained 23 members by baptism and 13 by letter; lost 12 members; total membership of 370; 258 enrolled in Sunday School with an average attendance of 97; 67 enrolled in Woman's Missionary Union; and 57 enrolled in Training Union."

The budget adopted for the year October 1, 1943, through September 30, 1944, amounted to \$2,760.00.

Church conference on October 3, 1943, voted to make application to the Pender Ration Board for permission to purchase a new heater. This procedure was required during World War II rationing regulations.

Riverside Consolidates with Our Church

On March 5, 1944, it was voted that we accept the proposal of nearby Riverside Baptist Church to consolidate with our church. Seventy-three members were received in a body from that church on March 26, 1944, during a big Homecoming Day with dinner being served. Since our church did not have a pastor at the time, Rev. J. H. Powers, a former pastor, preached. The church was especially happy to have Rev. and Mrs. J. Carlyle Powell, foreign missionaries, attend this significant service. Riverside was the home community and church of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Hocutt, who reared and educated a large family of fourteen children, including two ministers and a missionary (Mrs. Powell) in a noble manner of Christian courage and cooperation of the highest order. The Riverside Church also turned over to our church its remaining bank balance of \$138.17. (The building and lot on which it was located reverted to the heirs of Jesse T. Batson when Riverside Baptist Church no longer existed.) Since the consolidation with Riverside, those members and their families have cooperated and labored to the fullest extent in all phases of the work and service of our church.

Rev. Duling Resigns

On May 21, 1944, the church met to consider a letter and a telegram from Rev. C. W. Duling requesting that the church accept his resignation and call another pastor. The vote was cast by ballot. Thirty-three voted to accept the resignation; two voted not to accept it. The church felt that the time had now come to secure a full-time pastor to lead in a more active way our proposed program of enlargement.

Rev. Poole Was First Full-time Pastor

On September 10, 1944, Rev. William A. Poole of Dunn, N. C., began his ministry among us and became the first full-time pastor in the church's history. He served until October 28, 1952. There are some really interesting anecdotes about Rev. Poole. Our new pastor was six feet six inches tall; he was described as tall and lanky with big feet and a big heart of gold! Moreover, his large feet probably helped him because he did not own an automobile when he moved to Burgaw. Our older members recall seeing him make pastoral calls on his bicycle for several weeks after he became our pastor. Having an opportunity to rest those feet, in late October 1944 he bought his first car—a 1938 Chevrolet coupe for \$440.00. He was able to purchase this car through some special gifts by church members and others in the community. Realistically, cars were hard to obtain then because it was during World War II. The car he purchased had been owned by an Army captain who was going overseas. It was just what he needed! Adding to the anecdote, one would want to further note that on November 7, 1944, Rev. Poole drove his prized car to Dunn, N. C., to vote in the general election since he had not yet registered in Pender County. He cast his ballot and was on his way back to Burgaw to attend a scheduled deacons' meeting at 7:30 that same night at the home of D. O. Matthews. When he got to the Harrell's Store area, he had to run off the road instantly to keep from hitting a mule that had suddenly darted in the path of his car. Now, about the car—a lot of damage was done to it (which he had owned all of two weeks), but he was thankful to be unhurt. The vehicle was repaired in due time, and the affable pastor was able to resume making pastoral calls in his highly valued Chevy! After a lengthy delay as a result of the accident, he got to the deacons' meeting around 10 o'clock—but the deacons were patiently waiting and knew he would eventually get there!

Rev. Poole well remembered and related that the first baptismal service he ever held was shortly after he came to Burgaw when he baptized Shirley Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Lee Davis, in the baptismal pool of Wilmington's First Baptist Church. As a new pastor, Rev. Poole did not have a baptismal suit and robe. Fortunately, Dr. Sankey Lee Blanton, then pastor of the host church, was a rather large minister. He was gracious enough to let Rev. Poole use his baptismal attire, and things worked out really well.

Our first church bulletin was printed for the service of February 11, 1945. Since the church did not own a typewriter, Rev. Poole used his personal typewriter to prepare stencils for printing the bulletins. The bulletins were not printed every week then but were used from time to time. Neither did the church own a mimeograph machine. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Harvey L. (Elizabeth) Batson, who was then working at the Courthouse with the County Agricultural Stabilization Conservation office, that office machine was used to run the bulletins. The church later purchased an A. B. Dick mimeograph machine from Gray and Creech, Inc., Raleigh, N. C., on November 23, 1946. Cost of the machine and initial supplies was \$140.44.

Special efforts were renewed to raise more money for the building of a new church, now that the proper time seemed not too far away. On November 7, 1945, the following were

appointed to constitute a New Church Planning Committee: W. R. Harrell—chairman, A. H. Davis, Roy Harrell, Mrs. N. C. (Mary Smith) Wolfe, and Mrs. Joseph R. (Exie) Casey. Later, Harry W. Williams was named after Roy Harrell resigned. However, before entering into any kind of building program, the church felt it was imperative to secure additional land adjoining church property. On November 29, 1945, our church purchased the lot directly behind our property. This lot consisted of one acre, more or less, and was bought from Owen D. Rivenbark and his wife, Bliss W. Rivenbark. The purchase price was \$1,000.00. With this purchase the church then owned the western half of the entire block. In October 1946 the old church building was moved to adjacent property behind our corner site with the view that construction of the new church would be started at a later date. From the time of that move until the new building was occupied, not a single worship service or meeting was missed. Things proceeded right on schedule, and an upcoming building program didn't deter Burgaw Baptists from continuing to be active!

During Rev. Poole's pastorate many members were added to our church roll; our budget was greatly increased; and gifts to denominational causes were enlarged. A weekly prayer meeting each Wednesday night was instituted, and this has meant much in the life of our church since.

Plans to Build

With \$26,635.92 on hand, the church on October 12, 1947, accepted the plans for a new church building as presented by the New Church Planning Committee. However, the plans were not the same ones that had been prepared in 1939 by a different committee.

The plan used was Design S-300 furnished by the Sunday School Board, Department of Church Architecture, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, with a few changes being made to better suit our local needs. At the time Burgaw was the first church in North Carolina to use this plan of the Sunday School Board, and the members were very enthusiastic about the plan. The Building Committee consisted of A. H. Davis—chairman, R. W. Southerland, Harry W. Williams, and W. R. Harrell. Members of the New Church Finance Committee included R. R. Rich—chairman, L. R. George, D. O. Matthews, and R. W. Southerland. The Furniture Committee members were Mrs. R. W. (Callie) Southerland—chairman, Mrs. W. J. (Sallie) Marshburn, R. L. Hocutt, Joseph R. Casey, and Joseph R. Casey, Jr. These committees along with the Planning Committee spent much time and effort in planning and following through the construction and furnishing of the new building. Advice and suggestions from the membership were welcomed for consideration.

Several financial drives for building funds were conducted. The members gave freely of their means—some giving money, others furnishing materials. A friendly spirit of cooperation and unity prevailed among all. So many of our members gave on a systematic basis—some weekly and some monthly. This continued for years, too. We were admonished many times not to neglect the general fund, but to give cheerfully to both funds!

Many of our present members and others still recall those Building Fund Emphasis Days and how successful they were. Large amounts of money were raised, and then everybody enjoyed a bountiful picnic spread and the truest Baptist fellowship imaginable!

Ready to Build

On March 7, 1948, it was decided by the church to proceed to build the new church on the basis of huling in the building at an estimated cost of \$43,000.00 with the contract being awarded to Coleman and Newton of Wilmington, N. C.

On Monday, April 12, 1948, at 4:00 P.M., the official ground breaking ceremony heralded the beginning of the new church! A large group of elated members and interested friends were on hand to see history made. A. E. Boswell, one of the oldest church members, turned the first spade of dirt. Others who participated included Building Committee members A. H. Davis—chairman, R. W. Southerland, and W. R. Harrell; Rev. Poole, who was holding his thirteen-months-old son, William, Jr.; and L. J. Coleman, representative of the contractors Coleman and Newton.

The hulling in phase was completed without debt; and on March 6, 1949, it was agreed that we proceed toward completing the inside of the church by first finishing the Sunday School section under supervision of the Building Committee without hiring a contractor. This part of the work was started thereafter and finished in due time.

Dedication of Memorial Gifts

At 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, July 31, 1949, in the new unfinished church auditorium, a dedication service was observed for the ten memorial windows and the chimes in the new building. Dr. Sankey Lee Blanton, Dean of the School of Religion at Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., delivered the dedicatory sermon. Rev. Poole, who was in charge of the service, gave the dedicatory prayer. Others participating included Dr. Frank Marshburn, Salemburg, N. C., a son-in-law of Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Hocutt; and R. W. Southerland, Memorial Fund treasurer. A silent meditation was observed during which the chimes were played. The senior choir rendered an anthem. Eight of the memorial windows were given by their families in memory of the following persons: Chauncey and Sara Mallard Harrell, Mrs. W. R. (Estelle Rochelle) Harrell, Elwood Bostic, Haywood F. Brown, Mrs. A. H. (Madola Shepard) Davis, Rev. E. L. Weston, J. L. Harrell, and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Batson. Two windows were presented by persons then living but now deceased—one by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Casey and one by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carlton. The chimes were the gift of the Hocutt family in memory of their parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Hocutt.

1949 Associational Letter

Our associational letter for the church year ending September 30, 1949, showed the following summary: "Gained 24 members; lost 19 members; 21 tithers; 320 resident members and 144 non-resident members, or a total of 464; 240 enrolled in Sunday School with an average attendance of 120; 82 enrolled in Bible School with an average attendance of 75; 38 enrolled in Training Union with an average attendance of 24; 92 enrolled in Woman's Missionary Union; \$33,289.34 spent for local expenses; \$1,653.91 spent for missions; \$34,943.25 total money paid out."

Borrowed \$13,000.00

On November 6, 1949, it was agreed that we borrow \$13,000.00 to complete the church and purchase new pews and that we finish the auditorium no later than October 1, 1950. A committee was at that time named to dispose of the old church property. They later sold the old church building and the Sunday School rooms and one lot on the back of the property for building purposes.

A Big Day

Sunday School was held for the first time in the new building on January 22, 1950, with one hundred forty-two thankful members present. Sunday School Superintendent A. H. Davis was in charge. Worship services were conducted by Rev. Poole on the same date at 11:00 A.M. in the adult assembly room since the auditorium was not yet completed.

Completed Auditorium

On Sunday, June 4, 1950, at 8:00 P.M. the Daily Vacation Bible School commencement exercises were conducted in the completed auditorium. Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr., Bible School principal, directed the program.

On Sunday, June 25, 1950, at 11:00 A.M. Rev. Poole preached during the first regular worship service conducted in the newly finished and furnished auditorium. The beautiful new furniture had been purchased from Southern Desk Company, Hickory, N. C., at a cost of approximately \$3,847.00. The Estelle Taylor Sunday School Class had raised funds to purchase carpet for the new auditorium. The two men's adult classes had beautified the grounds and poured sidewalks.

In occupying the new church, members were so pleased that it had rest room and kitchen facilities. Neither of these items was provided in the old church building.

It is extremely difficult for us to now realize that in the old church building no kind of central heating or cooling system was available. The auditorium and Sunday School rooms were heated by wood or coal heaters. Fires had to be started early on Sunday mornings or prior to other meetings during the week. Needless to say, the comfort was nothing like what we presently enjoy.

To help cool, cardboard hand fans, donated by funeral directors or other business firms, were the order of the day during those hot summer months. The windows didn't have screens; therefore, the fans came in handy also to "swat those big mosquitoes" and to "keep the flies under control!"

Firsts in New Church

The first wedding ever conducted in the new church was on July 15, 1950, when Miss Eloise Carlton became the bride of Rev. Arnold F. McRae, a Baptist minister.

On Sunday, August 6, 1950, Mrs. R. Eugene (Helen) Brown, formerly a member of the Elizabethtown Methodist Church, was the first person to be baptized in our new church baptistery. Until our church had this facility, our candidates for baptism had been baptized in beautiful services in nearby rivers or in baptisteries of our neighboring churches in Wilmington, N. C.

On August 31, 1950, the first funeral service for a beloved member, Mrs. S. M. (Margaret Rogers) Williams, was conducted in the new church.

Rev. W. J. Stephenson, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Wilmington, N. C., led the first revival in our new church—a two-week one—September 4-17, 1950.

Organ Purchased

In such a beautiful and well-furnished sanctuary two important things were needed, and one was determined to be a must! The church needed an organ, and we also needed air-conditioning. Many of the ladies continued to remind the other members of our number one need:

an organ. The urgency of purchasing a new organ was discussed at conference on August 9, 1950. The Philathea Sunday School Class was asked by the church to make an attempt to raise money for an organ; and when the results were known, the church could determine what further action needed to be taken regarding the purchase of an organ. At conference on October 4, 1950, the Philathea Class reported it had raised \$1,247.00 in cash for the Organ Fund and had obtained pledges amounting to \$544.00. This was declared a splendid report even though the canvass had not been completed. It was felt that a suitable organ would probably cost \$3,000.00 or more.

At conference on December 6, 1950, Mrs. William A. (Kate) Poole, Mrs. Philip (Eleanor) Sasser, Mrs. Norman (Christine) Graham, and Mrs. Vernon (Helen) Batson (four members of the Organ Committee), and Rev. Poole reported on their trip that day to Meredith College, Raleigh, N. C., to investigate the matter of a small built-in pipe organ, recommended by Dr. Harry Cooper of the Meredith Music Department. This was a regular pipe organ, and the original price was \$4,200.00. Since this organ had been used a short time at Meredith College, the price was set at \$3,650.00, which included installation, with the exception of the grill work and the cost of an electric switch. It was explained that this was the cash price, but a short period term could probably be arranged. Conference immediately approved a motion that we buy this organ provided satisfactory terms could be arranged.

Sunday, December 17, 1950, was set as the time to receive a special offering through the Sunday School for the Organ Fund. The special offering that day added to the previous Organ Fund gifts amounted to some over \$2,000.00. Another \$1,650.00 would have to be raised by April 15, 1951.

The organ was installed in December 1950; and when the time arrived for the final payment, every penny of the \$1,650.00 needed had been subscribed! Mrs. N. C. (Mary Smith) Wolfe had served as treasurer of the special Organ Fund.

The organ was dedicated on Sunday night, July 22, 1951. Plans for the dedication program were the charge of a special committee composed of Mrs. R. Eugene (Helen) Brown—chairman, Mrs. Norman (Christine) Graham, and Mrs. William A. (Kate) Poole.

The needed organ had been secured; the air-conditioning would come later.

Memorial Gifts Dedicated and Cornerstone Laid

On Sunday, December 3, 1950, during the morning worship service, several memorial gifts for the new church were dedicated; and the formal ceremony for laying of the new church cornerstone was observed. R. W. Southerland, chairman of memorial gifts, presided over the dedication of the following memorials: silver vase in memory of Carl Batson—presented by Mrs. Graham (Mildred) Carr and Mrs. W. F. (Bennie) Best; Gethsemane window in memory of John M. Bowden and wife, Maggie Batson Bowden—presented by Maggie Bowden estate; pulpit and Bible in memory of Mrs. R. T. (Dora McCullen) Murray—presented by her husband and children; communion table and chairs in memory of Hilary S. George and wife, Lina Bowen George—presented by Mr. and Mrs. L. R. George; and pulpit chairs in memory of Mrs. S. M. (Margaret Rogers) Williams—presented by her children Miss Mary Lena Williams, Leland Williams and Horace Williams. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Dr. C. R. Taylor, a former pastor. Rev. C. W. Duling, another former pastor, delivered the message. A brief history of the church was read by Howard Holly, church clerk.

A. H. Davis, chairman of the Building committee, was in charge of the actual cornerstone laying. Prayer was offered by Rev. Poole. The following copies of items were deposited in the cornerstone: *Holy Bible*, "Church Covenant," *Charity and Children*, *Biblical Recorder*,

The Commission, Southern Baptist Home Missions, "Program of Dedication of the Chimes and Memorial Windows," "Program of the Day," "History of the Church," "Program of Inauguration of Harold W. Tribble as President of Wake Forest College," "First Wedding in the Old Building," "First Wedding in the New Building," and "First Baptismal Service in the New Building."

Adjustments Following Rev. Poole's Resignation

After Rev. Poole resigned in October 1952 to accept another pastorate, the church realized that he would be taking his personal typewriter with him. It became evident that the church needed to purchase a typewriter and that perhaps now would be a good time, also, to install a telephone. These would be firsts for our church! A. H. Davis, John O. Giddens, and Mrs. Harvey L. (Elizabeth) Batson were appointed as a committee to select and purchase a typewriter at a price not to exceed \$200.00.

The telephone was also installed.

Mrs. Harvey L. (Elizabeth) Batson was employed on a temporary basis as church secretary to work until a new pastor arrived. It was explained that the idea of having a secretary for this period was for her to prepare the weekly bulletins and handle any letters to the membership or other correspondence that might be needed. Mrs. Batson offered to do this work as a volunteer. However, the church felt she should be paid \$10.00 per week as these duties would require several hours of her time on a weekly basis.

1952-1953 Budget

The church budget and the building fund goal for 1952-1953 were as follows:

LOCAL	
Pastor's Salary	\$3,750.00
Pastor's Annuity	150.00
Janitor	425.00
Building and Grounds	400.00
Lights, Fuel, Insurance	650.00
Literature	400.00
Convention Expense	150.00
Bible School, Flowers, Minutes, etc.	200.00
Pastoral Supply	75.00
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FOR OTHERS	
Cooperative Program	\$1,500.00
Associational Missions	150.00
Orphanage	150.00
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	\$1,800.00

TOTAL CHURCH BUDGET	\$8,000.00
BUILDING FUND GOAL	\$4,000.00

Rev. Morphis Assumes Pastorate

Rev. Luther H. Morphis of Lexington, N. C., served our church as pastor from January 1, 1953, until March 16, 1959.

He was single and decided to stay at Southerland Tourist Home, Burgaw, N. C., rather than occupy the parsonage. The church voted on January 7, 1953, that since our pastor had decided to live in a private home, the parsonage could be rented and the rent was to be given to Rev. Morphis. Just a little over a year later, Rev. Morphis was married on May 1, 1954. He and his wife moved into a rented house near the church while the parsonage continued to either be rented or used for Sunday School rooms.

On February 4, 1953, the church approved spending up to \$200.00 to buy fourteen robes for the adult choir and a baptismal robe for the pastor.

The first electric water fountain for the church was purchased on August 5, 1953. Bible School students contributed \$43.65 of the cost, the amount collected during Bible School.

Air-Conditioning

The church continued to feel that a relatively new building such as ours should definitely be air-conditioned. A committee was appointed to investigate the matter of air-conditioning the church; it was composed of L. R. George—chairman, A. H. Davis, and Guy P. Barger. A called conference was held on Sunday morning, July 12, 1953, and it was voted to purchase a Worthington ten-ton air-conditioning unit from Sneed Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Company, Wilmington, N. C. The total price including installation was \$3,000.00. To help pay for this air-conditioning, the church withdrew \$1,500.00 from the Building Fund and used some other funds. (Around \$450.00 remained in the Building Fund, and thoughts had already turned to a new and modern parsonage and the need to keep the Building Fund active.)

Members and visitors really did enjoy a cool, comfortable church during those hot summer months in 1953, following installation of the air-conditioning. Our church was perhaps the first church in the county that was air-conditioned. The attendance even picked up that first summer among Burgaw Baptists!

New Church Dedicated

A dedication service for the new church was held on Sunday, October 11, 1953, under the direction of Rev. Morphis. The dedication was delayed until the building debt had been completely paid. Morning, afternoon, and evening services were held, and an old-fashioned picnic dinner-on-the-grounds was served to the more than three hundred members and visitors present.

Three former pastors and a representative of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina were with us for this significant occasion: Rev. C. W. Duling, who preached at the morning service; Rev. William A. Poole, who preached the dedicatory sermon at the formal ceremony which began at 1:30 P.M.; Dr. C. R. Taylor, who also participated in the dedication service; and Dr. E. L. Spivey, State Missions Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, who brought greetings from the Convention.

The actual note-burning, symbolic of retiring all indebtedness of the church, was conducted by R. W. Southerland, A. H. Davis, D. O. Matthews and Rev. Morphis.

Special music was provided by the junior and senior choirs under the direction of Mrs.

C. E. (Julia) McCullen, and Mrs. Norman (Christine) Graham. Mrs. Carson (Annie) Carlton sang a solo, "Bless This House," after which the entire congregation participated in a responsive reading of the dedication pledge.

New Parsonage Studied

The church on July 12, 1953, authorized the appointment of a committee to study the need for a new parsonage and to report to the church. This committee was composed of R. R. Rich—chairman, E. T. Batson, Mrs. D. O. (Margaret) Matthews, Marion W. Bowen, and Mrs. Robert (Virginia) Herring.

The committee immediately began its work and brought the following recommendation to the church on Sunday, August 22, 1953: "That our church build a parsonage as soon as the church thinks it is best, and that the Finance Committee set a goal to be raised during the coming year to apply on the Building Fund, which fund is to continue." The recommendation was approved by the church.

New Parsonage Planned

On February 10, 1954, the church appointed the following members to serve on the New Parsonage Planning Committee: R. W. Southerland—chairman, W. E. George, Mrs. Joseph R. (Miriam) Casey, Jr., Harry W. Williams, and Mrs. D. O. (Margaret) Matthews.

A discussion held forth for months as to the best location for a new parsonage—whether it would continue to be located beside the church or moved to another location. Some rather strong feelings were expressed by many of the congregation.

On Sunday morning, September 25, 1955, the church by a vote of seventy for and twenty against approved the purchase of a corner lot, owned by the estate of W. R. Harrell, across the street from the church. Cost of the lot, sized one hundred feet by one hundred twenty feet, was \$2,500.00.

Parsonage Built

Work started on the parsonage on March 12, 1956. The church had approximately \$9,000.00 on hand at that time. Our church borrowed \$10,000.00 to complete the construction. The contractor was Rivenbark Brothers (J. F. Rivenbark and V. C. Rivenbark), Burgaw, N. C. The Building Committee was composed of David Vann Harrell—chairman, R. W. Southerland, S. Warren Sanders, Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr., and Guy P. Barger.

The modern \$18,500.00 brick house was completed and occupied in July 1956. It was first occupied by the Morphis family.

The final payment on the parsonage debt was made on December 19, 1958.

A special note-burning ceremony was held at the parsonage on Sunday, January 11, 1959, immediately following the morning worship service. Leaders participating included Howard Holly—chairman of the Deacons, David Vann Harrell—chairman of the Parsonage Building Committee, R. W. Southerland—chairman of the Parsonage Planning Committee and a member of the Parsonage Building Committee, R. R. Rich—Sunday School superintendent and chairman of the original committee to study the need for a new parsonage, and Rev. Morphis.

Juniors Are Honored

Approval was given by the church on March 10, 1954, to buy fifteen robes to cost \$75.00 for the junior choir.

Our church was thrilled on August 21, 1954, to learn that our junior choir was a state winner in the State Hymn Festival held at Caswell Baptist Assembly that day! Members of the choir who participated included Edward Mauney, Louise Sumner, W. E. George, III, Elna Kaye Best, Richard Collins, Ruth Lewis, Kent Carter, Judy Giddens, Billie Louise Simmons, John Westbrook, Hugh B. Highsmith, Jr., Kay Bowen, Patricia Flood, Bobbye Frances Taylor, Carol Ann McDaniel, and Mary Ruth Bowden. Mrs. C. E. (Julia) McCullen was director, and Mrs. Norman (Christine) Graham served as pianist.

Just one month earlier Bobbye Frances Taylor had been declared first place winner in the State Junior Memory Work Tournament also held at Caswell Baptist Assembly. The church was very proud of this accomplishment for one of its fine junior girls! In recognition of this achievement the church awarded her a trip to Ridgecrest.

Land Gift Sold

The church on September 15, 1954, approved the sale of a piece of property in Rocky Point, N. C., on Highway Number 210 to Charles R. Rogers and wife Ola for \$800.00. This land had been a generous gift from one of our church members a year or so earlier. This extra money came in at a very opportune time and was put to good use.

Some Memorial Gifts Dedicated

On Sunday, June 26, 1955, during the evening worship service, a memorial service was held at which time recent memorial gifts to the church were dedicated. Rev. Morphis was in charge and delivered a sermon entitled "For The Glory of God." R. R. Rich presided over the dedication of the following memorials: table and chair in memory of W. R. Harrell and bulletin board in memory of W. R. Harrell—presented by Mrs W. R. (Estelle B.) Harrell; and a Hitchcock chair in memory of William Allen, Jr.—presented by his friends. Dr. C. R. Taylor, a former pastor, offered the dedicatory prayer.

Harrell Gift Used for Furniture

On January 4, 1956, the church received a report from R. R. Rich, chairman of the Sunday School Furniture Committee, recommending that chairs and tables be purchased in the amount of \$1,242.59. It was explained that the late W. R. Harrell had stipulated in his will that \$1,000.00 from his estate be given to Burgaw Baptist Church and that the pastor and deacons be authorized to decide on how the money was to be spent. Rev. Morphis reported that he and the deacons were recommending that this \$1,000.00 gift be used to apply on the Sunday School furniture. This was accepted by the church, and conference voted that the remaining \$242.59 needed to pay for the furniture come from the regular church budget.

1958 Associational Letter and Later Figures

The associational letter for the year ending September 30, 1958 (six months before Rev. Morphis resigned) showed these highlights: "Gained 30 members and lost 15. We now have a

total membership of 497 of which 341 are resident members; 394 enrolled in Sunday School with an average weekly attendance of 195; 57 enrolled in Training Union with an average weekly attendance of 36; 114 persons are enrolled in Woman's Missionary Union; all receipts for the year totalled \$16,517.00; expenditures totalled \$16,093.00, of which \$3,568.00 was given for mission causes."

During the latter months of Rev. Morphis' pastorate, our Sunday School attendance was running from two hundred twenty-five to two hundred fifty and even went higher on a few Sundays. Attendance at Training Union generally ranged from forty-five to seventy-five and reached one hundred on his last Sunday as our pastor!

Dr. Chesson's Pastorate

Dr. Francis S. Chesson of Edenton, N. C., was called as pastor on July 15, 1959, and remained until December 31, 1962.

With increased attendance and Sunday School classes having to meet in the old vacated parsonage and in the A. H. Davis home nearby, the church felt a definite need for more teaching facilities. A Planning Committee was named to study our needs and to formulate plans for an educational building. This committee was composed of R. R. Rich—chairman, Mrs. Claude E. (Margaret) McCullen, Jr., and W. E. George, Jr.

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary

The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of Burgaw Baptist Church was observed on Sunday, September 20, 1959. Rev. C. W. Duling, a former pastor, delivered the main sermon. His topic was "The Christian Church in an Age of Crisis." Listeners were inspired and challenged by this outstanding message. Others participating on the program were Rev. William A. Poole, a former pastor; Howard Holly, chairman of Deacons; and Dr. Chesson, our pastor. Historical highlights of the church were given by Rev. Poole and Mr. Holly. During the service Dr. Chesson dedicated a beautiful Baby Grand piano, a gift from Miss Ethel Baugh, Raleigh, N. C., who was a faithful member of this church for many years. (Miss Baugh had worked long and hard in leading the Baptist Young People's Union and Training Union while she lived in Burgaw and taught school here. Too, Miss Baugh had helped clean the church, as did others; and her car had always been available to bring people to and from the various activities and meetings of the church.) A solo was sung by Rev. Poole, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Poole.

The morning service was concluded by an old fashioned picnic dinner on the back lawn of the church. Several former members and many friends were present to enjoy the fellowship with a large number of members, and good food was in abundance!

A building fund goal of \$1,500.00 had been set for the day. A total of \$1,900.00 in offerings and pledges was received; this was added to the \$3,500.00 previously raised toward the building of a new educational facility.

Those attending the activities of this anniversary observance departed for home with gratitude in their hearts for the fine offering that was received for the advancement of God's Kingdom in our community and for the tie of Christian fellowship that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Committee was composed of Mrs. D. O. (Margaret) Matthews—chairman, Mrs. Hubert (Edith) Westbrook, John O. Giddens, Mrs. Walter J. (Zelma) Thomasson, and David Vann Harrell.

Memorial Fund Established

The church voted on December 9, 1959, to establish a Memorial Fund, a plan whereby the church would accept unsolicited donations from any person, family, or group who wishes to give to the church in memory of a deceased person or persons.

Many of our members and others have contributed to the Memorial Fund during the years since. The Memorial Fund has provided money to purchase several needed items in the church. Such purchases are always made with the approval of the memorialized person's family.

New Educational Building

On May 1, 1960, the church accepted final plans for the new educational building which was to cost around \$85,000.00. The church had a little more than \$10,000.00 in the Building Fund at that time. Approval was later given to authorize an amount of up to \$63,000.00 to be borrowed for this construction.

Those who served on the Building Committee were D. O. Matthews—chairman, R. W. Southerland—vice chairman, A. Milton Murray, Hubert Westbrook, David Vann Harrell, R. R. Rich, John O. Giddens, Harry W. Williams, Mrs. Vernon (Helen) Batson, Mrs. Joseph R. (Miriam) Casey, Jr., Mrs. R. Eugene (Helen) Brown, Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr., and Mrs. S. L. (Vilma) Williams, Jr.

Frederick Murray, Wilmington, N. C., was the contractor.

It was during Dr. Chesson's pastorate that the ground breaking ceremony for our educational building was held on September 25, 1960. (The completed building [other than upstairs] was dedicated on September 17, 1961.) The ground breaking ceremony was held at the site of the proposed educational building following dinner on September 25, 1960, the occasion of the seventy-sixth anniversary of our church. Dr. Chesson read a passage of scripture and offered prayer. Dr. Douglas M. Branch, General Secretary-Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, brought greetings. (He had previously delivered the message during the morning worship service.) Frank Ballard, Wilmington, N. C., architect, presented the blueprints to the contractor, Frederick Murray. D. O. Matthews, Building Committee chairman, presented the contract to the builder. A responsive reading was led by the pastor. The first spades of dirt were turned by the pastor; Howard Holly, chairman of Deacons; D. O. Matthews, chairman of the Building Committee; and other leaders of the church. The service was concluded by prayer.

A year later, Burgaw Baptist Church was filled to capacity on Sunday morning, September 17, 1961, as Dr. J. Leo Green, Professor of Old Testament Interpretation at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., brought the message at the annual homecoming. This marked the seventy-seventh anniversary of our church.

Following the morning worship service a picnic dinner-on-the-grounds was enjoyed. The group then assembled in the new educational building for the dedicatory service which was held in the spacious general assembly room. The dedicatory address was brought by Dr. Green, following the scripture reading by Dr. Chesson. Architect Frank Ballard presented the keys for the new building to D. O. Matthews, chairman of the Building Committee. A response was given by Howard Holly, chairman of the Deacons. The pastor and congregation engaged in a responsive reading. Special music was furnished by the adult choir. Miss Mary Thomas Lanier sang "Bless This House," and the pastor pronounced the benediction.

Report to Association in 1961

Highlights of our church's annual letter to the Wilmington Baptist Association for the year which ended on September 30, 1961, were as follows: "26 baptisms, 11 additions by letter,

16 losses by death and transfer; an overall gain of 21 members; now have total membership of 548, of which 358 are resident members; number of tithers, 87; Sunday School enrollment, 376 with average weekly attendance being 212; Training Union enrollment, 89 with average weekly attendance being 49; Woman's Missionary Union enrollment, 128; Bible School enrollment, 124; receipts for year, \$26,905.01; expenditures for the year, \$92,450.11 (including \$60,000.00 borrowed and used for the educational building) of which \$4,117.53 was given to mission causes."

New Bulletin Board

Following the morning worship service on December 16, 1962, the congregation of the church gathered on the church lawn for a dedication of the new outdoor bulletin board which replaced our former one. Dr. Chesson made a few brief remarks and stated that gifts to the Bulletin Board Fund had been given to commemorate the lives of Mrs. W. R. (Estelle B.) Harrell, Ralph Horrell, Ed K. Powell, Mrs. A. C. (Bessie) Blake, L. W. Horne, Elna Kaye Best, and Frances Best. The pastor led in a closing prayer.

Stewardship Emphases

The approach of the 1960's saw the church engage in a "Forward Program of Church Advance," the first one being held in the fall of that year. This was a Southern Baptist Convention program designed to develop more effective budget planning, promoting, pledging, and spending. Much enthusiasm and a lot of effort went into this venture which was termed a great stewardship challenge.

The first Steering Committee chairman was B. L. Davis. Other members of the Steering Committee were Miss Mary Thomas Lanier, Campaign Office Secretary; W. M. Baker, Budget Planning; Mrs. John O. (Beulah) Giddens, Budget Promotion; Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr., Budget Pledging; Mrs. N. C. (Mary Smith) Wolfe, Loyalty Dinner; Mrs. David Vann (Margaret) Harrell, Children's Party; Mrs. Harry W. (Virginia) Williams, Reservations; R. Eugene Brown, Canvassers; Walter J. Thomasson, Sunday School Lesson Chairman; R. R. Rich, Tally Chairman; Mrs. S. L. (Vilma) Williams, Jr., Office Help Chairman; Mrs. W. F. (Bennie) Best, Report Snack Chairman; and Mrs. William E. (Clara) Brothers, Assignment Supper Chairman.

B. L. Davis was chairman of the Steering Committee again in 1961. Pledging that year by one hundred ninety-two persons totalled \$391.85 per week. We had eighty-five who stated they were tithers.

R. Eugene Brown and Walter J. Thomasson served as co-chairmen of the Steering Committee in 1962.

The format was changed in 1963. Though church-wide in nature, most of the activities were promoted through the Sunday School. It was termed our "Sunday School Forward Program" and was directed by Harry W. Williams, Sunday School superintendent. Other members of the 1963 Steering Committee were Douglas Leary, Lesson; Mrs. David Vann (Margaret) Harrell, Dinner; Mrs. R. Foster (Margaret) Trawick, Office; Walter J. Thomasson and James R. Robinson, Pledging; V. S. Covil, Evangelism; Harvey L. Batson, Finance and Budget; Mrs. Hubert (Edith) Westbrook, Visitation; and Howard Holly, Publicity. Dr. Millard R. Brown of the Campbell College faculty led in a three-day Stewardship Revival. November 8-10, during the 1963 Forward Program.

The program was later changed to the "Tithe Now Program," and R. Eugene Brown was chairman in 1965.

The 1966 program, headed by R. Eugene Brown, was known as the "Step Forward in Faith Program." That year one hundred sixty-six members subscribed to over \$600.00 per week on the church budget, and sixty-seven tithers were reported.

In 1967 it was determined that we have a modified Forward Program but that we cut expenses by not having the loyalty dinner.

The church has not found it necessary to have an annual Every Member Canvass since 1968. Our tithes and offerings have generally come in very well, and our members are to be commended on their giving. All of these programs and special stewardship emphases since have challenged the minds and hearts of many of our members to give generously and prayerfully in order to support our church budget and to contribute to other local needs and mission causes.

Rev. Morris Serves

Rev. David N. Morris became our pastor on March 15, 1963, and served until July 23, 1967. He came to Burgaw from the pastorate of Midville Baptist Church, Jacksonville, N. C.

During his pastorate the church started broadcasting some of the worship services over the Burgaw radio station in a cooperative effort with other local churches.

The parking lot back of the educational building was paved in 1964. Cost of the grading was \$1,220.00, and the paving cost was \$3,000.00. The work was done by Columbus Paving Company, Chadbourn, N. C.

Our annual associational letter for the year ending September 30, 1964, included these highlights: "10 baptisms; 15 additions by letter; members lost to other denominations, 3; members lost by death and transfer, 19, representing an overall gain of 3 members. Church membership totalled 548 of which 360 are resident members. Sunday School enrollment was 360 with an average attendance of 222. Training Union enrollment was 101 with an average attendance of 45. Woman's Missionary Union enrollment was 150. All receipts for the year totalled \$31,289.00. A Brotherhood and two Royal Ambassador chapters were organized during the year with a total enrollment of 40."

Constitution Adopted

In August 1963 the church realized the imperative need for a constitution and by-laws. The first Constitution and Policy Committee was named, and it was composed of Walter J. Thomasson—chairman, A. H. Davis, and Miss Mary Taylor. Miss Taylor was later named chairman to replace Mr. Thomasson. Mrs. George L. (Cleta) McLendon and R. Eugene Brown were later named to the committee, and Mr. Brown became chairman. The committee worked very hard and spent a long time trying to put together a constitution that would best meet the needs of our church. Members were requested to give suggestions to this committee, and many responded.

Our church officially adopted a constitution and by-laws on June 30, 1968.

Christian Educational Fund

On May 5, 1965, the church voted to establish a Christian Educational Fund to assist needy and deserving members of our church who dedicate themselves to full-time Christian Service

(Christian Ministry, Christian Education, Christian Music, Missionary) in securing their higher education. The following persons were named to serve on a committee to work out the administrative details: John H. Yates—chairman, Warren Hill, F. C. Paschall, Walter J. Thomasson, and Rev. Morris.

The church on June 9, 1965, approved a recommendation from the Deacons and Finance Committee that the undesignated two hundred shares of stock (valued at approximately \$3,500.00) given to the church by Guy P. Barger be assigned to the Christian Educational Fund and that the church-appointed committee continue its work and have detailed rules and regulations on such a Christian Educational Fund ready for presentation to the church for its consideration at a later date. This special committee presented a recommendation to conference on July 7, 1965, as to the administration of the Christian Educational Fund in our church; the guidelines were accepted.

Some of our former members have received assistance through this fund in obtaining their higher education and have fully conformed to provisions of the Christian Educational Fund.

Approximately \$500.00 remains in this fund.

Rev. King Comes as Pastor

On April 1, 1968, Rev. H. Phillip King came as our pastor from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Maxton, N. C. He remained until December 31, 1971.

On June 22, 1969, the church voted to improve the air-conditioning in the church and to initially install air-conditioning in the parsonage and in the downstairs portion of the educational building. The total cost was \$8,456.43. The low bidder was Temperature Control, Wilmington, N. C., for \$7,100.00. The remaining \$1,356.43 took care of architect's fee, needed insulation overhead in the church and parsonage, and storm windows and doors for the parsonage. This was financed by using \$2,000.00 of the surplus money on hand at the beginning of the church year; by taking up a \$2,000.00 special offering on Air-Conditioning Day held on Sunday, July 13, 1969; and by borrowing the balance from among the church membership at six per cent interest for no longer than five years. The debt was paid in much less than five years.

This work was planned and carried out by the Church Facilities Planning Committee composed of Warren Hill—chairman, Carlton S. Harrell, Mrs. George L. (Cleta) McLendon, Mrs. David Vann (Margaret) Harrell, and Harry W. Williams.

New Carpet

It was then felt that the sanctuary needed new carpet. Conference approved on February 25, 1970, the purchase of new carpet costing \$2,300.00. Quite a discussion was held as to the best color for the carpet. Eighteen voted in favor of the gold color, and ten voted in favor of red; therefore, the gold was selected. A portion of the carpet expense, \$775.00, came from Memorial Fund gifts in memory of Miss Annie Batson, E. T. Batson, Robert E. Batson, Mr. and Mrs. Tate E. Bowen, Harry T. Collins, Jr., Mrs. Sam L. (Eva) Hamilton, Mrs. W. R. (Estelle B.) Harrell, Mrs. D. F. (Agnes) Holly, Claude E. McCullen, Jr., A. A. McLendon, Jesse Murray, Mrs. Albert (Lena) Ramsey, Mrs. R. R. (Kathryn) Rich, and R. Foster Trawick—all former members, and Mrs. Nell Meyland and Jasper Potts—relatives of members.

Kindergarten

The church appointed a special committee on April 26, 1970, to study the possibility of a church kindergarten. This committee consisted of Miss Mary Taylor—chairman, Mrs. Gary E.

(Jennings) Trawick, Mrs. Carlton (Betty) Croom. Mrs. Walter J. (Zelma) Thomasson, and Douglas Leary.

After receiving a report recommending that our church enter into a kindergarten program that fall, the church on August 9, 1970, voted to approve the recommendation. Several factors entered into the discussion, and fifty-four voted in favor of the motion while twenty-five opposed it.

Kindergarten opened in the fall of 1970 with thirteen enrolled.

The second year's enrollment was considerably higher with twenty-three being enrolled.

Mrs. Douglas (Rebecca) Leary served as director the first year; and she was succeeded by Mrs. Arthur C. (Edith) Batson, a member of the Burgaw Presbyterian Church.

Others who assisted either Mrs. Leary or Mrs. Batson included Mrs. Lloyd (Lina) Lee, Mrs. Charles (Amelia) Barefoot, Mrs. W. Roger (Patricia) Geddes, Jr., Mrs. Wright (Elaine) Batson, Mrs. Stiles H. (Ora Green) Ellyson, Jr., and Mrs. Gary E. (Jennings) Trawick.

Miss Mary Taylor continued as chairman of the Kindergarten Committee and supported the kindergarten in every way possible. Others who served on the committee at different times were Mrs. Joseph Clay (Shirley) Jones, Mrs. Gary E. (Jennings) Trawick, Mrs. Samuel (Betty) Cox, and Mrs. Douglas (Rebecca) Leary.

On July 28, 1976, conference received a report from Miss Mary Taylor thanking the church for the heat, air-conditioning, and church supplies used by the kindergarten. Since the church would no longer have the kindergarten because the schools started such a program, Miss Taylor offered a motion "that the Kindergarten Committee dispose of the materials accumulated, some of which will be given to the Presbyterian Church, and leave the tables in our church." This motion was approved.

Debt-Free

Sunday, September 12, 1971, was a doubly important day in the life of Burgaw Baptist Church! On our eighty-seventh anniversary a note-burning ceremony was held to signify that the church was free of all debt! After building a new church, a parsonage and an educational building—all since 1948—this was great news and was indeed a joyful occasion!

After a brief history of the church was read by Mrs. Harvey L. Batson—clerk, the final note was surrendered by J. B. Lewis as Tommy Padgett, former Building Fund treasurer, gave the symbolic final check. Mr. Padgett presented the notes to Clarence Dodgens and Joseph R. Casey, Jr., trustees. The trustees presented the notes to Howard Holly, chairman of the Deacons, and Rev. King. The notes were then burned to symbolize the end of financial indebtedness!

Mrs. Gary E. (Jennings) Trawick, music director, sang "Bless This House." The choir sang the anthem of commission "People to People," and the pastor's sermon, taken from Matthew 7:24-27 and 2 Kings 5:17, was titled "Sacred Ground."

At the close of the service, an abundant meal and fellowship were shared.

Yes, we were out of debt once more; but the Building Fund was to continue!

1971 Associational Report

Our letter to the Wilmington Baptist Association covering the church year ending September 30, 1971, revealed the following highlights: "Total members, 566; Cooperative Program giving represented 13 per cent of the total church budget; 3 Woman's Missionary Union organizations with a total enrollment of 42; 2 Royal Ambassador chapters and 1 group of Baptist Men with a

total enrollment of 51; Sunday School enrollment totalled 179 with an average attendance of 138; 3 choirs with an enrollment of 27; Bible School enrollment, 86; Total receipts amounted to \$40,129.00 of which \$8,244.00 was designated for the Building Fund, and \$6,643.00 went to missions."

Rev. Ellyson's Pastorate Educational Building Completed

Rev. Stiles H. Ellyson, Jr., became our pastor on August 13, 1972, and remained until January 13, 1980. His pastorate before coming to Burgaw was at Mount Harmony Baptist Church, Rougemont, N. C. Mrs. Ellyson's father, Dr. Leslie H. Campbell, served as the second president of Campbell College, Buies Creek, N. C., founded in 1887 by her grandfather, Dr. James Archibald Campbell, who was the first president of that Baptist college.

During the early part of Rev. Ellyson's pastorate, several felt that our church needed to complete the upstairs of our educational building so that more space could be provided. A Facilities Planning Committee was named and worked hard to present recommendations for completing the upstairs.

The church voted on April 7, 1974, to accept the recommendations of this committee and asked the committee members to continue their efforts by serving as a Building Committee. The committee was composed of R. Eugene Brown—chairman, Thomas Zandy, Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr., Mrs. R. R. (Helen) Rich, Franklin Rivenbark, and Carlton S. Harrell.

The work was completed at a cost of \$31,500.00 by R. C. Harvell General Contractor, Willard, N. C.

A dedication service for the completion of the upstairs of the Educational Building was held on Sunday, September 22, 1974. This was a part of our ninetieth anniversary celebration; and a former pastor, Dr. Francis S. Chesson, brought the message on that happy occasion.

Lewisess Thanked for Generous Gift

The church on March 26, 1975, adopted a motion thanking Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lewis for a very generous gift of \$7,000.00 to the church, which was in the form of a cancelled loan for that amount toward the completion of the upstairs in the Educational Building. This gift was in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis' grandson, James B. Lewis, V.

Church Library

The need for a church library had been discussed for several years. The church appropriated \$600.00 in 1975 to prepare two rooms for a library. This was not enough, and several of the members volunteered to paint the area and do other required work under the direction of R. Eugene Brown, chairman of the Church Planning Committee.

Through the efforts of many and the support of the church by including a budget item each year for the library, we now have a well-equipped and convenient library. More than six hundred books have been processed and shelved in our library. Those who have worked with our library include Roy Barnhill, Mrs. Franklin (Brenda) Rivenbark, Mrs. William (Brenda) Corbett, Miss Debbie Yount, Miss Susan Howard, Miss Mary Taylor, and Mrs. William Lawrence (Betty) Blanton.

Dr. Cauthen Preaches

Our church was blessed in a special way on Sunday, September 7, 1975, when one of the most outstanding Southern Baptist Convention leaders filled our pulpit that morning. Dr. Baker James Cauthen of Richmond, Virginia, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, preached a dynamic missionary message. He was accompanied by Mrs. Cauthen. Dr. and Mrs. Cauthen were honored with a fellowship dinner by the church following the worship service.

The church was able to engage Dr. Cauthen for this service through the efforts of Rev. Ellyson, a native of Richmond, Virginia, who worked for several years to coordinate a suitable date convenient with Dr. Cauthen to visit our church.

Property Not Bought

In early 1976 the house and lot across the street from the church which was known as the A. H. Davis property became available to buy. The lot size was one hundred twenty feet by one hundred twenty-one feet. Some of the leadership including the deacons felt that this property should be purchased by the church for future needs.

A \$10,000.00 option was given to the church, and it expired on April 25, 1976, the date of a called conference. At that conference the deacons recommended that, since the house on that lot had lost most of its usefulness, the church offer \$8,500.00 for the purchase of this property for future use. The Finance Committee also prepared a recommendation for financing this purchase if the church desired to buy the property. Several stated that they felt the church did not need this property. By a vote of thirty-two for and fifty-seven against, the church defeated a motion that this house and lot be purchased for \$8,500.00.

Part-time Youth Director

A special committee was named by the church on April 30, 1976, to study the need for a part-time youth director and to report to conference their recommendations. Serving on this committee were Howard Holly—chairman, Miss Mary Taylor, Hugh B. Highsmith, Jr., Miss Kim Robinson, and Mrs. Andrejs (Donna) Grinbergs. The committee presented its report to conference on June 23, 1976, and recommended that the church employ a youth director on a part-time basis to begin work on October 1, 1976, at a salary of \$60.00 per week for an estimated twenty hours of work. It was decided at that conference to have a called conference on Sunday, July 18, 1976, following the morning worship service so that a larger number of members could participate in making this decision. The recommendation was approved at that called conference.

On August 25, 1976, the church named the following special committee to recommend a youth director: Mrs. Leon (Betty) Wilkes—chairman, Joseph Clay Jones, Mrs. Richard (Linda) Collins, Whrens Williams, Howard Holly, and Miss Kim Robinson. Gary E. Trawick was named by conference on October 27, 1976, to replace Howard Holly on the committee. Mr. Holly was the new chairman of the Deacons and was an ex-officio member of the committee.

After several meetings and some interviews the committee recommended that our church call Frank D. Russ, Jr., Atkinson, N. C.; he began as our church's first part-time youth director on April 18, 1977.

During the three years that he was with our church as a staff member, he worked very hard and was in charge of many training programs and activities involving our youth. Many remember the excellent Christmas pageants which he wrote and produced with our young people during the Christmases he was with us.

1977 Associational Letter

Our associational letter for the year ending September 30, 1977, was as follows: "Baptisms, 20; additions by letter and statement, 21; members lost by death or letter, 8; total resident members, 361; grand total of members, 586; Sunday School enrollment, 308 with an average attendance of 152; Bible School enrollment, 107; Receipts for the year, \$58,794.00; Total expenditures for the year, \$42,832.00 plus \$17,728.00 for missions."

Van Bought

Our deacons and some of the other church members felt that our church needed to purchase a van. A recommendation from the deacons that the church purchase a van, at a price not to exceed \$6,000.00 when funds were available, to be used by all age groups was approved by conference on August 24, 1977.

A Van Fund was established, and special efforts were made on Homecoming Day, September 11, 1977, to raise funds toward the purchase of a van. On that day, \$868.08 was raised. Funds continued to come in, and \$2,407.63 was in the Van Fund on June 28, 1978.

It was later determined that a van to fill our church's need would perhaps cost from \$9,000.00 to \$10,000.00, and this was approved by the church.

When funds became available, a committee composed of Howard Holly—chairman, Tommy Padgett, and A. C. Skinner, Jr., was named to purchase the van. A beautiful 1980 Ford club wagon was delivered on September 23, 1979. It was purchased from Fairway Ford Company, Burgaw, N. C., and cost \$9,786.90.

The van fills an important need in the life of our church. It is used quite often to transport our people—of all ages—to various conferences, meetings, socials, retreats and other activities.

Choir Chairs Bought New Organ Fund Started

In early 1978 several choir members and others in the church purchased eighteen comfortable new chairs for the choir at a cost of \$40.69 per chair. Three of these chairs were given in memory of A. H. Davis, Mrs. Hugh B. (Lyda Grace) Highsmith, and Ross T. Bowden by their families.

Also, members of the congregation had talked for several years of the need for a new organ in the sanctuary. An Organ Fund was established by the church. A Special Organ Fund offering was taken at Homecoming Day on September 16, 1979, and it amounted to \$2,859.00.

Rev. Phillips Comes

Our present pastor, Rev. Robert L. Phillips, Jr., came to our church on August 1, 1980, from the pastorate of Lowe's Grove Baptist Church, Durham, N. C. He and his wife, who is our music director, are very talented in music. Their leadership has richly enhanced the music program in our church.

The church had been considering for quite some time the possibility of constructing a ramp for the handicapped to use in entering our building. It was determined by the church on July 23, 1980, that a ramp be constructed leading into the front entrance of the church at a

cost not to exceed \$3,300.00. The work was done within a few months by Johnny Wells, contractor, Watha, N. C. The Building and Grounds Committee was in charge of this work, and the chairman was Charles Wells. This very attractive ramp is most useful for handicapped and elderly people who want to come to church.

Our 1981–1982 budget was \$100,270.00, and this marked the largest budget ever adopted in the history of our church. While the church did not quite subscribe the budget, we came close and had ample funds to take care of all bills because some of the items budgeted were not actually needed that year.

Organ Bought

Our people continued to be generous in making contributions to the Organ Fund. On May 27, 1981, our Organ Fund total was \$11,253.48. On July 22, 1981, the church appointed an Organ Study Committee consisting of Miss Mary Taylor, Mrs. Stephen (Linda) Owens, Jr., Leon Wilkes, Mrs. Robert L. (Claudette) Phillips, Jr., Howard Holly, Mrs. Gary E. (Jennings) Trawick, and William N. Harrell. Mrs. Owens was elected chairman of the committee at an initial meeting on August 2, 1981. A thorough study was done by the committee in seeking to gather all necessary information as to the type as well as to the cost of the organ that our church needed. At our homecoming on October 25, 1981, a special offering for the Organ Fund was taken; \$3,432.00 was received. As of October 28, 1981, the Organ Fund amounted to \$27,526.54. The church approved a recommendation on November 18, 1981, from the Organ Study Committee that we purchase an Allen 705 digital computer organ in an amount not to exceed \$32,240.00. The organ was purchased from Southland Music Center, Wilmington, N. C. The church later received a sales tax refund of \$1,289.00 from the State of North Carolina for tax paid on the organ when it was bought.

Several memorial gifts were made toward the purchase of the organ. These were in memory of Mrs. L. W. (Helen) Horne, V. S. Covil, Mrs. A. A. (Berta) McLendon, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Holly, E. T. Batson, Mrs. Robert (Alice) Moore, R. R. Rich, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Weston, W. E. Wells, Harold Moore, and F. T. Croom, Jr.

The new organ was dedicated at 3:00 P.M., Sunday, September 19, 1982, during homecoming. The dedication recital was by David M. Hines, employed with Southland Music Center, Wilmington, N. C., and manager of Allen Organ Sales in Southeastern North Carolina. Also present for the dedication was Arnold Briggs, Minister of Music at the First Baptist Church, Wilmington, N. C., who had served as consultant to the Organ Study Committee. Others who participated in the dedication were Rev. Phillips; Howard Holly, who gave the dedicatory prayer; and M. D. James, who gave the benediction.

Activities Since September 1982

Mr. and Mrs. John Olson began their work as part-time youth directors on September 1, 1982, and served in a very effective manner until they resigned in October 1983.

The church's first copying machine was purchased in October 1982 at a cost of approximately \$2,500.00, including a one-year maintenance contract. This was bought from surplus funds the church had on September 30, 1982.

The budget for 1982–1983 was \$99,910.00. Total receipts on the budget amounted to \$104,895.72. We were thrilled to oversubscribe our budget that year by the amount of \$4,985.72.

Highlights of our associational letter for the year ending September 30, 1983, were as follows: "Baptisms, 6; additions by letter, 6; members lost by death or letter, 19; total resident members, 366; grand total of members, 566; Sunday School enrollment, 303 with an average attendance of 177; Bible School enrollment, 175; Church Training enrollment, 51; Church Music enrollment, 85 with an average attendance of 36; Woman's Missionary Union enrollment, 106; Royal Ambassadors enrollment, 23; Total receipts from all sources for the year, \$111,890.00; Total local expenditures for year, \$86,831.00; Total gifts for missions, \$21,334.00; Grand total of all expenditures, \$108,165.00."

Our church has voted to support the ACTS (American Christian Television System) Program of the Southern Baptist Convention which started in 1984. This is a fully structured television network with the programs consisting of completely Christian oriented material. The financial support for the program was set at ten cents per resident member each month. Randolph Spainhour was elected by our church as representative to the ACTS Board of our Wilmington Baptist Association.

Edward Stilley of Wilmington, N. C., then a rising sophomore at Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, N. C., served during the summer of 1984 as our first summer youth worker on a full-time basis. He did an excellent job of working with our children and youth during those months.

Our church voted on May 23, 1984, to adopt the "Sunday School Growth Spiral" as an ongoing outreach tool. Under the leadership of Sunday School Director Bruce Williams, Assistant Sunday School Director Hal Porter, Sunday School Outreach Director Robert Barnhill, and our pastor, the "Growth Spiral" was presented as the best means possible to promote growth in our Sunday School and church. The "Growth Spiral" emphasis will begin October 7, 1984, after many promotional events have been completed. Our Centennial Year is an excellent time to begin!

Let Us Continue to Serve

Yes, God has been so good to us during these past one hundred years!

We are indeed thankful to Him for His past leadership and guidance. As proud as we are of our accomplishments, we cannot rest. We face a future that provides so many opportunities for all Christians, and we have God's blessed assurance that He will always lead us. However, we must do our part well! On this joyful occasion of celebrating our church's one hundredth anniversary, may all of us resolve in our hearts that under the leadership of our Heavenly Father, we will continue to faithfully serve a great and living God!

SECTION II

OUR MISCELLANEOUS HIGHLIGHTS

Cooperative Program and Other World Mission Gifts

For the past century our church has keenly felt that obedience to the Great Commission of our Lord involves cooperation: cooperation between followers of Jesus; cooperation between churches; and cooperation among people, churches and the Holy Spirit. Only through cooperation is it possible for us to witness for Christ "unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Our church during its long history has felt the need to be a cooperating Southern Missionary Baptist Church. We engaged in the Seventy-five Million Campaign of the Southern Baptist Convention which began in 1919. The Seventy-five Million Campaign organization in our church was composed of W. C. Dicksey, C. Harrell, C. E. McCullen, Mrs. Charles (Victoria) Lanier, and W. R. Harrell. Mr. Dicksey was listed as director, and the others were known as captains. On April 4, 1920, it was reported that \$1,100.82 had been raised since May 1, 1919, and that in order to pay our pledge as per our previous agreement, we needed to raise an additional \$603.66. This was later raised, and our total contribution amounted to \$1,704.48.

The Seventy-five Million Campaign revealed that Southern Baptists were capable of accomplishing great things for Christ! This movement established a new pattern of cooperation among the churches, associations, state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention. With the completion of the Seventy-five Million Campaign, Southern Baptists sought to conserve the gains which had been realized. As many of us know, the Cooperative Program was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925 out of studies projected to conserve the values of this historic achievement.

Burgaw Baptist Church has realized the numerous advantages in the Cooperative Program system of financing Kingdom enterprises. Records show that our church has significantly increased our contribution to the Cooperative Program since its inception as shown below in a few sample years:

1929	\$ 342.92
1930	400.00
1944	500.00
1949	900.00
1956	1,900.00
1966	3,700.00
1976	5,990.00
1982	12,662.00

Our church has had many special offerings for those in need and distress throughout the World. An offering for World Emergency Relief in 1942 amounted to \$84.75. In 1943 the amount of \$73.96 was given to Chinese Relief. We made a big effort in 1945-1946 for World Relief and Rehabilitation, and this special offering amounted to \$457.99. Our church contributed \$85.12 as our Centennial Offering to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1945. We contributed to the One Hundred Thousand Club for several years. Our 1943 contributions were \$34.40, and the 1945 special offering amounted to \$25.59.

There are other examples to show of our concern for the needs of others during these past one hundred years. Our church raised \$446.02 during World Hunger Emphasis in 1981. The goal for our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions in 1982 was \$1,800.00. We greatly exceeded our goal and contributed \$2,755.50! We contributed \$1,657.98 to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions in 1982. Our offering for World Hunger in 1983 amounted to \$1,419.71. The goal for our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions in 1984 was \$1,800.00, but we were pleased that our church contributed \$2,431.24.

Cooperation with Baptist State Convention

Our church has always been an important link in the large number of churches comprising the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. We have sent messengers to most of the annual sessions of the Baptist State Convention and to some of the special sessions.

Several of our members attended the special session of the Baptist State Convention at the First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C., on July 30, 1946, when approval was granted to accept the offer of the Zachary Smith Reynolds Foundation, Inc., on the condition that Wake Forest College be moved from Wake Forest, N. C., to Winston-Salem, N. C. The messengers from our church were Rev. William A. Poole, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harrell, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Casey, R. L. Hocutt, Mrs. Charles (Victoria) Lanier, A. H. Davis, and Roy Harrell.

Burgaw Baptist Church had contributed \$290.00 by the time ground was broken for the new campus at Winston-Salem, N. C., on October 15, 1951. Rev. Poole attended that ground breaking ceremony, which featured an address by President Harry Truman.

Two additional gifts were provided to the Wake Forest Enlargement Program by our church: \$100.00 in 1953 and \$100.00 in 1955.

Our church also supported action taken in a special session of the Baptist State Convention on April 27, 1950, meeting in Charlotte, N. C., when it was voted that North Carolina Baptists help raise \$700,000.00 for a new wing to the North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C., rather than accepting any funds from the North Carolina Medical Care Commission.

Our church goal for this effort was set at \$414.00 in June 1950. A special committee was named to secure funds for this goal, and it was composed of R. R. Rich—chairman, Mrs. W. J. (Sallie) Marshburn, Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr., Mrs. Grafton (Edna Vann) Bradshaw, Mrs. Charles (Victoria) Lanier, Mrs. R. W. (Callie) Southerland, C. E. Carpenter, Jr., Mrs. W. C. (Tessie) Dicksey, and Mrs. D. O. (Margaret) Matthews. The chairman announced on August 9, 1950, that the committee had raised \$423.62 for this project and that we had oversubscribed our \$414.00 goal by the amount of \$9.62. An additional \$50.00 contribution was given to this cause in 1953.

Additionally, Burgaw Baptists have sent special offerings and budget contributions on an organized basis for many years to help support the various institutions of our Baptist State Convention's Christian Social Services Ministeries and other agencies of the convention.

Also, our church has provided several denominational leaders in the work of our Baptist State Convention. Rev. William A. Poole, a former pastor, served on the convention's Council on Christian Education from 1948 through 1952. He was a member of the Committee on Nominations in 1951. Rev. Luther H. Morphis was elected vice-president of the North Carolina Baptist Pastor's Conference in 1959 when he was our pastor. Another former pastor, Rev. Stiles H. Ellyson, Jr., was on the Time, Place, and Preacher Committee in 1979. After Rev. George L. Hocutt retired from the active pastorate ministry, he moved his membership to our church and remained as a member from 1968 to 1976. During that time he served as chairman of the convention's Memorials Committee in 1968.

Not only have ordained ministers served but also has one of our church laymen. Howard Holly served on the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C., from 1959 through 1962 and of Campbell College, Buies Creek, N. C., from 1968 through 1971. He was a member of the General Board for two terms: 1964 through 1967 and 1972 through 1975, serving as vice-president of the General Board in 1974 and 1975. Mr. Holly was chairman of the Budget Committee in 1972 and was on the Committee on Nominations from 1977 through 1979. He is currently serving a four year term as a member of the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes, a term which began January 1, 1984.

Associational Cooperation

From the time of our organization, Burgaw Baptist Church has always been a strong supporter of associational work. We have furnished many enthusiastic leaders and have participated in annual meetings, conferences, schools of missions, committee meetings, retreats, and other programs and activities that our association has sponsored.

Our newly organized church first affiliated with the Eastern Baptist Association. The annual session of the Eastern Baptist Association was held with Pollocksville Baptist Church in Jones County October 7, 8, 9, 1884. Minutes of the associational meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 1884, contained this committee report concerning our church: "The committee appointed on petitionary letters beg leave to report that they find on examination that the churches at Burgaw, Willard and Bear Branch have been regularly constituted, and therefore recommend their reception as constituent members of this body." The report was signed by T. H. Pritchard, W. M. Kennedy, and J. B. Barlow.

On July 29, 1887, delegates from the churches comprising the southern division of the Eastern Baptist Association met with our church. The opening session featured an inspiring address by Rev. T. H. Pritchard of Wilmington, N. C. Our church was among nineteen churches in the southern part of the Eastern Association that petitioned the association during the annual meeting on October 8, 9, 10, 1901, "for letters of demission to unite in forming a new association." The petition was approved. On November 14, 1901, a group of area Baptist churches met with the Burgaw Church and here organized the Wilmington Baptist Association. Although the association was actually organized in Burgaw, the headquarters for many years following the organizational date was considered to be in Wilmington, N. C.

J. T. Bland, a member of the Burgaw Church, was elected the first moderator and served from 1901 through 1904. Since that time our church and many of its individual members have maintained a close fellowship with the Wilmington Baptist Association and its work. Other moderators from our church have included C. E. McCullen, 1921-1925; W. R. Harrell, 1930-1934; Rev. William A. Poole, 1948-1949; and Howard Holly, 1969-1971. C. E. McCullen served as clerk from 1905 through 1910. Dr. Francis S. Chesson was elected clerk at the annual session on October 17, 1961, and served until December 31, 1962, when he moved out of the association to accept another pastorate. Mrs. W. C. (Tessie) Dicksey was Associational Superintendent of the Woman's Missionary Union from 1938 to 1940.

The following pastors of our church delivered the annual sermons at associational meetings during their pastorates with us: Rev. R. E. Peele (1911), Rev. J. H. Powers (1921), Dr. C. R. Taylor (1925), Rev. W. P. Page (1933), Rev. C. W. Duling (1941), Rev. R. W. Acree (1943), Rev. William A. Poole (1948), and Rev. Luther H. Morphis (1954).

The association met again in our church building in 1912, 1935, 1950, 1963, and 1973.

The host church would always furnish the meals on associational days. Records show that

the association would never fail to come to Burgaw when it was invited because of the reputation for delicious food and such a big assortment of meats, vegetables, desserts, and breads that the Burgaw ladies would always bountifully prepare!

It seems that in 1950 Rev. William A. Poole was especially concerned that the ladies might not prepare enough food for the huge crowd of visiting messengers expected. He passed the word for the ladies to please cook a lot of extra food! The crowds came, but large crowds didn't worry the Burgaw Baptist ladies. They had cooked and cooked; and despite a capacity crowd, there was plenty to eat and an abundant supply left!

The annual associational minutes have been dedicated to the memory of these former members of the Burgaw Church: Mrs. J. D. (Katie Murray) Hocutt, 1948; W. R. Harrell, 1952; and Dr. C. R. Taylor, a former pastor, 1956.

We find in a newspaper account that in 1921 hundreds of Baptists swarmed into Burgaw on August 30 for the annual Evangelistic Campaign rally of the Wilmington Baptist Association, the annual Sunday School picnic of the Baptist churches in the Burgaw area, and the district Baptist Young People's Union rally.

On at least two occasions the associational missionary of the Wilmington Baptist Association and his family resided in Burgaw because during those years when the association covered a large area, it was felt that Burgaw's location was about in the center of the association's territory. Since the association didn't have a headquarters building, the associational missionary maintained an office in his home. When the two respective associational missionaries resided in Burgaw, their homes also served as headquarters for the association.

For the first associational missionary to live in Burgaw, a mass meeting of the association was held with our church on March 17, 1949, to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Leonard, returned foreign missionaries, as Dr. Leonard became the associational missionary on March 1, 1949. Many came for the afternoon program which began at four o'clock, remained for a supper at six o'clock prepared by the ladies of the church, and participated in a special service that night. Dr. and Mrs. Leonard were members of our church for several months while they resided in Burgaw. On August 5, 1949, the church received a special offering which amounted to \$53.05 to apply toward the purchase of a tent to be used by Dr. Leonard in his associational work. In November 1949 Dr. and Mrs. Leonard moved their membership to the newly organized Hampstead Baptist Church which they helped found, and they also moved their residence to that community.

As the second associational missionary to reside in Burgaw, Rev. J. H. Mauney and his family moved to Burgaw to live in February 1954. They became members of our church on February 14, 1954, and maintained membership with us for approximately nine years. Until the associational missionary's residence was constructed in Burgaw in late 1955 at the corner of East Ashe and North Cowan Streets, the Mauney family resided for about two years in our church parsonage on a rental basis because it was not used at that time by our pastor or the church. The association decided for the associational missionary to move to Wilmington, N. C., in 1963; and the missionary's residence in Burgaw was later sold to Mr. and Mrs. John E. Taylor. Mrs. Taylor now resides in that home.

All of this shows that our church has had some strong ties in many ways with our association through the years.

In 1944 our gifts to associational missions was \$100.00; the gifts had been increased to \$700.00 in 1970. We provide \$2,750.00 for associational missions in our current budget.

Our church always tries to have elected messengers at each of the annual meetings.

It is interesting to review the names of some who have served as messengers at these meetings:

- 1886—J. T. Bland, J. D. Hocutt
 1890—J. T. Bland, J. D. Hocutt, J. W. Bowen
 1896—T. J. Vann, J. T. Bland, J. D. Hocutt
 1907—J. T. Bland, C. E. McCullen
 1920—C. E. McCullen, D. H. Marshburn, H. I. Bowen
 1932—W. C. Dicksey, W. R. Harrell, Mrs. Dana E. (Sallie) Bowen
 1934—Mrs. W. R. (Estelle B.) Harrell, Mrs. J. C. Carr, W. C. Dicksey, Mrs. Charles (Victoria) Lanier
 1938—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Marshburn, Mrs. J. H. (Annie) Bannerman, Mrs. O. H. (Annie) James, Mrs. L. W. (Helen) Horne
 1940—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Marshburn, Mrs. Charles (Victoria) Lanier, W. R. Harrell, Mrs. E. T. (Ola) Batson, Mrs. Tate E. (Annie) Bowen, Mrs. W. C. (Tessie) Dicksey
 1950—Roland Batson, R. L. Hocutt, Mrs. J. L. (Lillian) Harrell, V. S. Covil, Ed K. Powell, D. O. Matthews
 1960—R. W. Southerland, Mrs. W. F. (Bennie) Best, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Mauney, Mrs. W. J. (Sallie) Marshburn
 1965—Rev. David N. Morris, Howard Holly, Mrs. Rufus B. (Martha) Turner, Mrs. Carl (Mildred) Williams
 1970—Rev. and Mrs. H. Phillip King, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Holly
 1977—Rev. and Mrs. Stiles H. Ellyson, Jr., Leon Wilkes, Howard Holly, William Corbett
 1981—Rev. and Mrs. Robert L. Phillips, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Howard Holly, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. James

Each year in the official minutes of our association, a list of all church members who died during that respective associational year is included in the session entitled "In Memoriam." Associational minutes show these deceased members of the Burgaw Baptist Church listed for the years shown:

- 1926—Mrs. W. C. (Fannie) Dicksey, Miss Cassie Highsmith
 1934—Vernon Harrell, A. Lee Bowen, Mrs. J. W. Wells
 1938—O. H. James, C. E. McCullen, Mrs. Agnes Murray
 1940—Mrs. A. H. (Madola) Davis, Mrs. G. W. Manley, Mrs. W. A. (Esther) Yates, Mrs. John B. Blake
 1945—J. T. Batson, Wayland B. Bland, James D. Bowden, Mrs. Winnie Drew, J. P. Wells, J. P. Williams
 1955—J. F. Batson, Edward Highsmith, William Chadwick, Mrs. Lessie Wells, Mrs. D. C. (Mary) Barnhill
 1960—Joseph R. Casey, Vance Cottle, Ralph Horrell, Charles Lanier, Mrs. Lester (Dale) Kellum, Mrs. Henry (Lorena) Williams
 1963—Mrs. A. C. (Bessie) Blake, Mrs. Tate E. (Annie) Bowen, Sam L. Highsmith, Mrs. Sam L. (Addie) Highsmith, Mrs. W. R. (Estelle B.) Harrell, L. Q. Myers, Herbert Ramsey, Mrs. Lera Spender
 1967—A. H. Davis, Holmes Jones, Mrs. C. R. (Estelle) Taylor
 1971—Ed K. Powell, Lloyd Moore, Mrs. James (Clara) Smith, Mrs. Jesse (Maggie) Murray, Mrs. Paul (Pauline) Dodgens

1973—Lloyd Blake, Mrs. Tom (Blanche) Haynes, Mrs. Hill (Helen) King, Zeb McDaniel
1975—Mrs. P. B. (Beulah) Bowen, Mrs. R. L. (Gussie) Hocutt, Mrs. D. O. (Margaret) Matthews, A. L. Zandy
1981—Mrs. Noah W. (Marcia) Barnes, V. S. Covil, Hill King, Mrs. Robert (Alice) Moore, Fred J. Gaylor, Jr.

Local Needy Families Helped

In addition to our gifts to missions and other special causes to help relieve suffering throughout the world, we have for many years included an item in our budget for local benevolent purposes. The amount of \$2,500.00 is currently in the budget for this purpose. Also, we have taken up many special offerings to assist the needy in our church and in the community. Individual members have contributed from time to time money, clothing, and food. We especially try to help needy families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

On July 18, 1923, the deacons were concerned with a family that the church had been helping for over a two-year period. This motion was passed: "After carefully investigating the case we find (and while the body hesitates to believe it) that the said family has abused to a serious extent the generous privilege heretofore shown by our church inasmuch as they are making erroneous statements in making begging a professional business, the deacons deem it proper to appoint a committee composed of Brethren W. C. Dicksey, J. L. Harrell, and J. H. Carlton to confer with the family at once and adjust the family's needs and etc. according to the dignity and needs of our church." The committee consulted the family and evidently worked things out as there was no further reference in the minutes to any similar problem. The church continued to help this family for quite some time.

The following few examples could be duplicated many times throughout the life of our church:

In January 1925 the church bought groceries for a needy family amounting to \$39.00 and agreed to pay \$12.50 per month to help support the family. This monthly support continued for well over a year.

On April 24, 1949, a called conference was held to discuss the urgent need of assisting a local family. A special offering was raised through the efforts of a committee composed of Guy P. Barger, David B. Durham, G. W. Carlton, Mrs. W. R. (Estelle B.) Harrell, and Mrs. J. L. (Lillian) Harrell. It was determined to purchase food for this family and to turn over to a church member any contributed cash that was not immediately needed so such member could purchase food in the future to help this needy family.

A substantial amount of groceries was purchased on December 12, 1949, to assist another very needy family in the community.

In October 1954 our church in a community endeavor contributed \$100.24 to assist in the medical expenses of a high school student who had a terminal illness.

We raised \$132.68 in another community effort in April 1955 to assist a family whose husband and father had incurable cancer.

A needy family in the community was also assisted when a special offering amounting to more than \$100.00 was received in June 1955.

Revivals

Among the many spiritual blessings that Burgaw Baptist Church has enjoyed over the years have been the wonderful and meaningful revivals that our church has experienced. In some

years our church has had a spring and fall revival; in other years we have had only one revival during a year. We have engaged in some simultaneous revival efforts in cooperation with our Wilmington Baptist Association.

For the most part, our revivals have been very successful. Many hearts have been blessed with the excellent preaching of God's Word, the beautiful singing of meaningful tunes, and the actual witnessing of so many important decisions made for our Lord. Congregational singing has always been at its best during a revival. Our choirs and visiting choirs, groups, and individuals contributed greatly to the spirit and success of our revival services.

In recent years attendance has been somewhat off from what it was in earlier years when a revival was held. It seems that many conflicts come during revival time now, and these affect attendance. In earlier years only serious illness or death prevented an entire family from attending the revival—and most of them came every night! Revival time was set aside, and conflicts just didn't come about. The members and visitors didn't get to squirming if the services lasted an hour and a half or longer. It was revival time, and people were prepared for it and the opportunities that always accompany a revival!

Our ladies have always gone all-out in feeding the revival minister (and his wife if she accompanied him) along with our pastor and his wife. In previous years revivals would usually last two full weeks, but crowds came every night! We didn't have local motels, so it was a normal thing for the visiting minister to stay in the home of one of our members. It didn't present a problem at all for one of our church families to keep the minister for a week or two—and to feed him royally! A few of the area ministers commuted from their homes when they were with us for a revival. Even under that arrangement supper was always prepared for them.

For many years our church held morning services during our revivals. The attendance was generally good. Some of these revival services several years ago began early in the morning and included a snack for all who attended. This plan enabled working adults and children of school age to attend with their families prior to beginning their regular schedules for the day.

Our church was blessed to have Dr. J. B. Lawrence of Atlanta, Georgia, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, conduct a two-week revival on September 14–28, 1947. The Evangelism Committee was pleasantly shocked when Dr. Lawrence accepted their invitation! In inviting him, they were aware of the many invitations he had to decline almost daily from churches comprising membership in the large Southern Baptist Convention.

We have had two of the best-known and most-beloved evangelists in the Southern Baptist Convention lead in our revivals. Dr. Charles B. Howard—pastor of Buies Creek Baptist Church, Buies Creek, N. C., and professor of religion at Campbell College—led us in 1940 and a time or two since. Dr. Vance Havner—Greensboro, N. C., evangelist, lecturer, and author—was with us in 1971.

Among those who have led in our revivals are some outstanding ministers. Some of these include Reverends W. J. Stephenson, H. Manley Hocutt, J. Boyce Brooks, Julian Motley, Crate Jones, Robert Gray, A. L. McGee, Vincent Wall, William Jones, Ralph A. Herring, Howard Ford, D. E. Parkerson, Carey P. Herring, Anthony Gurganus, James S. Potter, Don Austin, Thomas L. Rich, James O. Mattox, Thomas W. Fryer, Luther Osment, A. E. Thompson, Millard R. Brown, Calhoun Johnson, J. Edwin Bullock, David G. Moore, E. C. Watson, Jr., L. H. Dawson, Ralph Cannon, Alvin Pitt, Jesse Bellew, Aubrey Jones, and Dennis W. Knight.

On several occasions we secured a visiting song leader to come to lead our choirs and the congregational singing at revival time and to especially work with the junior choir. A. E. Lynch

of the Campbell College Music Department at Buies Creek, N. C., was with us for several revivals and always proved to be a favorite!

He would arrange to have the junior choir and other young people in our church as well as some young visitors from the community come thirty minutes before the revival started to practice in the sanctuary. The number of participants would usually run twenty-five or more every night. These singing sessions were so popular that the sanctuary was practically filled shortly after the young people began their practice. Adults and others came thirty minutes early in order to hear the young people practice and sing those beautiful choruses—and then were doubly blessed during the revival service when both choirs sang.

Our revivals have always been preceded by much prayer. In addition to individual persons' praying, we have had cottage prayer meetings, prayer vigils at the church, and other times of prayer at the church or in the homes of members.

Nineteen cottage prayer meetings were held from February 20–23, 1961, in preparation for our revival from February 26–March 5, 1961. Many participated in these prayer meetings.

These cottage prayer meetings were conducted as follows:

Home of	Leader
Marion W. Bowen	J. B. Lewis
Mrs. W. R. (Estelle B.) Harrell	Mrs. Claude E. (Margaret) McCullen, Jr.
B. L. Davis	Howard Holly
Mrs. J. L. (Lillian) Harrell	Miss Mary Taylor
Reginald Fussell	Mrs. R. Foster (Margaret) Trawick
Vernon Batson	Mrs. William E. (Clara) Brothers
Norwood Covil	Clarence Dodgens
Alvin Williams	John O. Giddens
Ed K. Powell	Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr.
Hubert Westbrook	Mrs. Hubert (Edith) Westbrook
William E. Brothers	Mrs. Harvey L. (Elizabeth) Batson
Mrs. C. L. (Mildred) Allred	Mrs. J. H. (Tallulah) Mauney
Ross T. Bowden	R. Eugene Brown
Graham Carlton	Brodie L. Meadows
Sam L. Highsmith	R. R. Rich
S. Warren Sanders	Mrs. D. O. (Margaret) Matthews
Norman C. Blake	V. S. Covil
Roland Batson	John E. Taylor
Hulan Hufham	Dr. Francis S. Chesson

That revival which resulted in many decisions for the Lord was led by Rev. Don Austin, a member of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Team. These expressed the desire to unite with our church by transfer of church letter: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burch and Mrs. Dewey Barnhill. These were received by professing their faith in Christ and by being baptized: Fred Smith, Raymond Krochmalny, Linda Moore, Glenda Fussell, Jean Cowan, Dean Cowan, Joseph Burch, James N. Tucker, Jr., Leroy Covil, Linda Sasser, Mrs. Carl (Mildred) Williams, Jeffrey Williams, Samuel Harrell, Marvin Robinson, William Trawick, William Baker, Jr., Catherine Stone, Carol Gyetvai, Mrs. George L. (Cleta) McLendon, Susan McLendon, Frances Best, and Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Williams.

Every Church Eventually Needs One

Sometimes they are known as a pulpit committee; others term them as a pastoral search committee. At any rate, every church needs such a committee at one time or another. In fact, it has been said by many that every Baptist ought to serve on at least one pulpit committee!

Our church has been fortunate to have had some excellent pulpit committees in the past. They have worked hard—and were really thorough and prayerful—in seeking God's will as to the man that He would have serve as pastor of Burgaw Baptist Church. To fulfill their duties, these committee members have had to attend many meetings, receive a lot of advice and suggestions from the membership and others, and do quite a bit of traveling, sometimes at their own expense. Some of the committees have diligently worked for many months before being led to the one they felt was God's servant for our church.

The committees generally enjoyed their work and were grateful to our church for giving them such a fine opportunity to make contacts and visit other churches in their quest for a pastor.

One of the committees once went to the Zebulon, N. C., area to listen to a highly-recommended prospect. They did not check in advance to see if the pastor would be in his pulpit that Sunday morning. When they arrived, the committee members found themselves in the midst of a huge homecoming and harvest festival crowd—with a visiting minister. The committee enjoyed the worship service and then had the nerve to do what many good Baptist committees would never have done: they remained for a bountiful homecoming spread under the shaded oak tree area beside the church—and never once mentioned what they were doing there! With so many visitors around, it is doubtful that anybody present even suspected that a pulpit committee from Burgaw Baptist Church was present!

In the earlier years of our church, the deacons would usually serve as the pulpit committee. However, we do have records of these following pulpit committees:

Recommended Rev. R. W. Acree (1942)—R. R. Rich, E. T. Batson, W. R. Harrell, Mrs. D. O. (Margaret) Matthews, Mrs. L. R. (Lucille) George

Recommended Rev. William A. Poole (1944)—W. R. Harrell, E. T. Batson, Mrs. W. C. (Tessie) Dicksey (Mrs. Dicksey later resigned and was succeeded by R. R. Rich, who was named chairman.)

Recommended Rev. Luther H. Morphis (1953)—R. W. Southerland—chairman, Mrs. Hubert (Edith) Westbrook, R. R. Rich, Mrs. Joseph R. (Exie) Casey, Harry W. Williams

Recommended Dr. Francis S. Chesson (1959)—R. W. Southerland—chairman, Mrs. John E. (Lottie) Taylor, Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr., D. O. Matthews, Brodie L. Meadows

Recommended Rev. David N. Morris (1963)—Howard Holly—chairman, Mrs. Hubert (Edith) Westbrook, Mrs. David Vann (Margaret) Harrell, Harvey L. Batson, Harry W. Williams

Recommended Rev. H. Phillip King (1968)—Howard Holly—chairman, John H. Yates, Walter J. Thomasson, Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr., Mrs. James R. (Margaret) Robinson

Recommended Rev. Stiles H. Ellyson, Jr. (1972)—James R. Robinson—chairman, R. R. Rich, Mrs. Vernon (Helen) Batson, Mrs. David R. (Mary) Williams, David B. Durham

Recommended Rev. Robert L. Phillips, Jr. (1980)—James R. Robinson—chairman, B. L. Davis, M. D. James, Miss Mary Thomas Ramsey, Mrs. Leon (Betty) Wilkes (Alternate members were William Corbett and Mrs. Marvin (Launa) Robinson.)

Changes in Electing Deacons

The rotation plan for electing deacons was tried for ten years after it was adopted in 1937.

However, the plan was abolished in 1947. The eight deacons then serving—R. R. Rich, R. W. Southerland, E. T. Batson, R. L. Hocutt, A. H. Davis, D. O. Matthews, Roland Batson, and L. R. George—were elected for life or until their membership with the church ceased.

The church elected four younger men as deacons in 1951, and this increased the number of deacons to twelve. The new deacons who were ordained in a special service at 3:00 P. M., Sunday, April 15, 1951, were Guy P. Barger, Joseph R. Casey, Jr., David Vann Harrell, and Howard Holly.

At the monthly conference on September 8, 1954, a motion was approved that the church install again the rotation system of deacons and that a committee be appointed to recommend a plan of procedure for instituting the system. The following members were named to serve on this committee: R. R. Rich—chairman, Norman Graham, Mrs. John E. (Lottie) Taylor, R. W. Southerland, and Howard Holly. Conference approved the committee's recommendation on September 26, 1954, and the rotation system of electing deacons began once more on October 1, 1954.

First Wedding in Original Sanctuary

The following is an exact wording of the account of the first wedding performed in Burgaw Baptist Church's original sanctuary on June 29, 1904, when Miss Annie Highsmith became the bride of F. T. Croom, as written in *The Pender Chronicle* on June 30, 1904:

"One of the most beautiful as well as one of the most impressive marriage ceremonies ever witnessed here was that which christened the Burgaw Baptist Church Wednesday evening, the twenty-ninth. The parties to this happy and solemn contract were of Pender's own production and have for a long time been residents at her little capital: Mr. F. T. Croom of the firm of W. D. Croom & Bro. and Miss Annie Highsmith, daughter of our esteemed friend, Mrs. S. L. Highsmith. The church, which had been handsomely decorated by some of the young people of the town with asparagus ferns, pollens, shrubs, wildflowers and a variety of potted plants, presented an air of festivity and prepared one for the extraordinary event he was about to witness. For sometime before the appointed hour the many friends of the young couple began to assemble, each one eager to congratulate and breathe a blessing upon his young friends at this crisis in their lives. The church was filled to overflowing. Some had come many miles to witness the event, which fact shows something of the esteem in which Mr. Croom and Miss Highsmith are held by the citizens of the county.

"At exactly half-past eight o'clock the organist, Mrs. J. T. Bland took her seat at the organ and every heart throbbed with excitement and expectation as the tones of the Popular Lohengrins marched themselves forth. The side door swung open, and in slow and solemn tread the bridal party moved up the aisle, the groomsmen coming up the right and crossing to left in front, the bridesmaids coming up the left and crossing to the right.

"First came the little flower girls, little Miss Marie Pullen and little Miss Lilly Bell Lane, who were led to their positions by two of the ushers, Mr. Grover Walton and Mr. David Bland. These little girls daintily dressed in white and bearing white rose buds which they gracefully threw in front of the bride seemed too pretty to be real. Then came the attendants in the following order: Mr. Sam'l L. Highsmith and Miss Exie Croom, Mr. J. W. Rivenbark and Miss Zelma Bland, Mr. W. L. Hand and Miss Isabel Herring, Mr. Henry Player and Miss May Bartley, Mr. E. L. Larkins and Miss Maud Paddison. The bridesmaids were dressed in white organdies and bore asparagus ferns and white roses in their hands. The groomsmen, too, in white vests and white kid gloves, and with a white rose bud in their coats.

"But all eyes sought the bride and groom, who were led to the altar by the ushers, Mr. Alvie Cowan and Mr. Sam'l P. Hand. The bride came in leaning on the arm of Miss Cassie Highsmith,

maid of honor. The bride, always a pretty girl, was never so beautiful before. She was dressed in a delicate white silk, with a long white veil caught up with lilies of the valley. In her hands she bore long stemmed bridal roses and asparagus fern. The maid of honor was dressed in white silk and carried white carnations and fern. The groom entered the right aisle with Mr. A. B. Croom, Jr., who filled the position of best man with credit. It was a most impressive moment when the bride and groom met in front crossed over and faced the audience. Then the officiating minister, Rev. M. C. Walton, arose and as the flower song came softly and sweetly from the organ, read the ceremony clearly and distinctly, pronounced them one in wedlock's sacred union.

"Rev. T. D. Johnston prayed God's blessing upon their young lives. It was but a few moments and the organ again pealed forth with Mendelson's wedding march and the young couple, made happy in each others love, marched forth into the world—into the world to fight its battles and enjoy the pleasures of its peace and good fortune together. The future lies bright before you and beckons you on. The period of life's usefulness is now but at its beginning. Our community has felt the touch of your influence already, and in this happy union we expect the sphere to be greatly enlarged. We congratulate you both and our best wishes attend you."

From A Catholic Father's Diary

Father Charles Kneussels served St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in the neighboring community of St. Helena from 1911 to 1925.

This very interesting article was included in his personal diary:

"How I Cured a Baptist Preacher"

"One morning at six o'clock I went to church for saying mass; it was very much raining, and passing the station I saw there a man, who did not know where to go in that rain. And who was he? It was the Baptist preacher P. from Burgaw, which by mistake in the dark morning at 4:20 o'clock came down from the train in St. Helena instead of coming down in Burgaw. He was a great adversary of the Catholic Church. That morning he got truly baptized by the rain. I called him under my umbrella and arm in arm as best friends we went to my church, I saying to him it would not hurt him to see once a Catholic service. He remained quietly in mass and after mass I gave him a Catechism, Faith of our Fathers, and I sent him yet some other books. Next time, when he was preaching to his congregation, he said: 'I will no more speak bad over the Catholic Church, as the priest of St. Helena treated me so good.'"

Since the article was not dated, it is not known to which preacher P. he referred. However, Rev. R. E. Peele and Rev. J. H. Powers both served our church as pastor during Father Kneussels' years at St. Helena (1911 to 1925).

The Paint Stuck!

It was a beautiful but very hot Sunday in July around 1927. Two of the hardest-working ladies of the church—Mrs. W. C. (Gertie) Myers and Mrs. W. I. (Berta) Taylor—were so proud of their accomplishment! They had hired at their own expenses a painter who had painted the church pews.

The pews were so pretty, and everyone who came to church that Sunday morning marvelled at this dubious improvement. Most of the ladies present were in style and wore dotted swiss dresses. When they arose to sing the closing hymn, all of the dots on the back of their dresses remained on the sticky pews!

That Sunday afternoon found these two benevolent ladies hard at work cleaning the pews with gasoline!

Some Reasonable Prices

These interesting figures of reasonable prices in other years were obtained from one of the minute books and one of the treasurer's books:

- 1940—Paid \$2.95 to J. L. Harrell for one cord of wood
 - Paid \$1.40 to Tidewater Power Company for light bill
 - Paid \$6.32 for Bible School expenses
- 1941—Paid \$6.00 a month to the janitor
- 1943—Paid 75¢ a week to sweep the church
- 1945—Paid \$30.00 to Mrs. J. L. (Lillian) Harrell for three tons of coal
 - Paid \$13.50 to C. F. Mallard, Jr., for two loads of wood
 - Paid \$8.00 to A. A. Blanton for kindling
 - Paid \$11.00 to E. C. Blanton for two cords of wood
- 1946—Paid \$31.80 for Bible School expenses
 - Paid 45¢ per hour for mowing the lawn
 - Paid \$50.00 to W. E. George for big heater to use in sanctuary
 - Paid \$108.75 for 150 copies of *New Baptist Hymnal* at 72½¢ per copy
- 1951—Paid \$32.50 to E. & B. Oil Company for 252 gallons of heating oil

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The church received \$341.00 for damages done during a fire in November 1931 to the building and furnishings.

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Hardware Mutual Fire Insurance Company paid \$550.00 to the church for fire damage done in December 1945.

Actual expenses for cleaning and painting the sanctuary amounted to \$462.51.

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Young Woman's Auxiliary Active in 1942

The Young Woman's Auxiliary in our church was well-organized and very active in 1942. It was named Lucy Pollock Young Woman's Auxiliary of Burgaw Baptist Church, in honor of the wife of Rev. A. L. Pollock, our pastor in 1937–1938. The auxiliary had twenty-seven members, and the sponsor was Mrs. R. R. (Kathryn) Rich, Woman's Missionary Society president. The officers were Mary Elizabeth Marshburn—president, Mary F. Sawyer—vice-president, and Gladys B. Thomas—secretary-treasurer.

The following information was included in the 1942 Year Book:

“Our Watchword: They that are wise shall shine as brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever. Daniel 12:3.

Our Benediction: May the Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another. Genesis 31:49

Spirit of Young Woman's Auxiliary:

1. Consideration of others
2. Christ-like
3. Prayer life
4. Temperance
5. Love of young womanhood
6. Study
7. Sabbath observance
8. Sacrificial giving

Our Personal Service Program:

January—Enlist at least five new members
February—Account for new song books and repair them
March—Box to church boys in army camps
April—Every member present night
May—Decorate church with flowers
June—Take old magazines to camp
July—Visit new families and invite them to services
August—Make quilt for needy family
September—Hobby night
October—Program for shut-ins
November—Basket to the needy
December—Go caroling at Christmastime

Our Roll Call: Mary Elizabeth Marshburn, Hildred Ramsey, Gladys B. Thomas, Evelyn Ramsey, Ethel Ramsey, Eva King, Lucille Shearon, Ethel Baugh, Elsie Elkins, Sylvia Rivenbark, Rachel Brown, Edith Westbrook, Miriam Harrell, Elizabeth Hamilton, Alma Hocutt, Mary F. Sawyer, Eleanor Smith, Mary T. Ramsey, Edna Vann Harrell, Ruth Meares, Mary Lou Hamilton, Inez Spivey, Pauline B. Hosom, Edna J. Pullen, Emily Harrell, Evelyn Harrell, Dorothy Mae Collins"

Excerpts from Early Bulletins

The following items are written exactly as they appeared in church bulletins on the dates shown:

1945

"October 21—The W. M. S. will meet at the church on Wednesday at 3:45 P. M. Mrs. C. E. McCullen, Mrs. Sam Ingram and Mrs. Lena Ramsey are joint hostesses.

November 4—We rejoice in the salvation of one of the young people in our church, Miss Edna Ruth Highsmith, who came last Sunday upon a profession of her faith in Christ.

November 18—The R. A.'s will meet at the home of Raymond Rich, Jr. on Tuesday at 3:30 P. M.

December 16—The Adult Choir presents "The King Cometh." Mrs. C. E. McCullen, Director; Mrs. N. C. Blake, Pianist; Choir Members: Sopranos: (Mrs. C. E. McCullen, Mrs. N. C. Wolfe, Mrs. D. O. Matthews, Mrs. L. R. George, Mrs. R. W. Southerland, Miss Elsie Elkins, Miss Virginia Dare Britton, Miss Viola Register, Miss Kathryn Bowen); Altos: (Miss Ida Farrior Davis, Miss Kate Teague, Miss Elizabeth McGeachy, Miss Ruth Patterson, Mrs. John Taylor, Mrs. Perry Bowen, Mrs. Willie George, Jr., Mrs. William Reid); Tenor: (L. R. George); Basses: (A. H. Davis, R. W. Southerland, Edgar T. Batson, Sr., William James Murray, William A. Poole).

1946

January 13—We welcome Mrs. Carlton Harrell into our fellowship. Two of our members are in James Walker Hospital in Wilmington: Mrs. John Bowden and Mrs. A. C. Blake. Recently our church family has experienced loss by death of three of its members: W. O. Savage, S. L. Williams and L. S. Croom. We extend our heartfelt sympathy also to Mrs. Olivia Frasier in the loss of her father, Mr. Fields.

February 10—We welcome Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Baker into our fellowship.

February 17—The following are members of our local G. A.: Lady in Waiting (Mae Blake, Shirley Thompson, Jean Bordeaux, Roselyn Henry); Maiden (Rae Blake, Kathryn Jane Henry, Elizabeth Lucas, Janet Durham, Doris Ann Durham, Lizzie Biberstein).

April 7—The following have come into our fellowship during March: Mrs. David Williams, Miss Lillian Rivenbark, G. R. Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eubanks. Births: A daughter, Linda Williams, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Williams; a daughter, Virginia Kay Herring, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herring; a daughter, Lillian Ann Harrell, to Mr. and Mrs. David Vann Harrell.

April 21—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Casey, Jr. are the proud parents of a new son, David Ray Casey.

May 12—The following faculty members will be leading in Bible School, with Preparation Day being May 17: William A. Poole, Principal; Mrs. N. C. Blake, Pianist; Mrs. C. E. McCullen, Music Director; Miss Ida Farrior Davis, General Secretary; Beginner Department: Mrs. Homer Triplett, Mrs. David Williams, Mrs. Willie George, Jr.; Primary Department: Mrs. Charles Lanier, Mrs. L. R. George, Miss Edna Vann Harrell; Junior Department: Miss Mary Taylor, Mrs. William A. Poole, Miss Ida Farrior Davis; Mrs. N. C. Wolfe and Mrs. Wayland Bland, Girls' Handwork Leaders; Intermediate Department: Mrs. William Simmons, Mrs. C. T. Pullen, Roy Harrell, Mrs. Carlton Harrell. (A. H. Davis, Sunday School superintendent, will lead the Junior Boys' Handwork.)

October 6—We welcome the following new members who have come into the fellowship of our church recently: Sonny Covil, Mrs. Sonny Covil, Mrs. L. W. Horne, Jr., Mrs. Harry W. Williams, Mrs. Wayne Casey, Miss Joan Rivenbark, Miss Pearl Rivenbark, Miss Janet Durham.

October 13—Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar T. Batson, Sr., in the loss of their infant grandson, Robert Register Dees, Jr.

October 27—The flowers on the Communion Table today are in honor of Larry Blackwood by his grandmother, Mrs. D. E. Bowen. The deacons will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock at the home of L. R. George.

November 3—The nursery is now open every Sunday during morning worship under good and adequate care and supervision. The following gifts have been presented recently to the Cradle Roll: Baby crib by Mrs. David Williams along with crib sheets, pad, pillowslip; and one rubber crib sheet by Mrs. R. W. Southerland.

November 17—The W. M. S. will meet Wednesday at 3:30 P. M., at the home of Mrs. L. R. George.

December 8—The Philathea Class will meet Friday night at the home of Mrs. Harry W. Williams in Rocky Point at 8:00 P. M. "Good tidings of great joy!" To Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Baker, a daughter, Harriet Ann! To Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reid, a daughter, Kemma Amelia! To Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Matthews, a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth! To Mr. and Mrs. Guy Barger, a daughter, to be named.

1947

January 12—The following persons of the church are either sick or recovering from sickness: Mrs. Sam Brothers, Mrs. Glenn Ives, Mrs. Lessie Wells, Mr. Chic Marshburn, Mrs. O. L. Covil, Mrs. Mary Hearne, Mr. Ed Batson and Mrs. A. E. Boswell.

January 26—Good news, Intermediates! Mrs. David Williams has consented to become your leader in Training Union!

February 2—Last Sunday marked a new high in Sunday School attendance! There were 163 present

February 16—Union Service in honor of the Boy Scouts. We are justly proud of the Boy Scouts of our community, and particularly those of our church: Norman Blake, Jr., Bill Bland, Raymond Rich, Jr., Carl Wolfe, Jr., Frank Bowen, Garland Williams and Lewis Meadows.

April 6—The Adult Women's Bible Class will meet with Mrs. T. D. Sasser at 8:00 P. M. on Monday.

April 13—The following persons in our church have been discharged from the hospital and are now back home: Mrs. O. L. Covil, Mrs. Pat Williams, Miss Shirley Thompson and Mrs. I. S. Bowen. If you were not able to visit these in the hospital, please do so now. Mrs. C. R. Taylor remains critically ill in James Walker Hospital. Let us pray for her during the services today and trust earnestly for the Lord's will in her behalf. CONGRATULATIONS! To Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Batson, Jr. upon the occasion of the birth of your second daughter. We welcome little Rebecca Louise into our church family and pray God's richest blessings upon the four of you. (Rebecca Louise was born on April 9, 1947, at James Walker Hospital.) The Pastor and Mrs. Poole profoundly appreciate being remembered on the greatest occasion of their life by the ladies of the church with a gift of \$20.00 for their first-born son, William Augustus Poole, Jr.! All three of us wish to take this opportunity to thank you graciously for this expression of your love and thoughtfulness. TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1947 is an important date in the destiny of Pender County! Let every Christian, and every person who intends to defeat evil, be found at the polls on that day voting against liquor stores in the county!

May 11—This afternoon at 3:30 at Southside Baptist Church, Wilmington, one of our fine Intermediate boys, Tommy Zandy, will be baptized. We rejoice in his salvation.

May 18—Our Mother's Day offering for the Baptist Hospital of N. C. amounted to \$115.96. We are gratified by this response, which exceeds last year's offering of \$102.02.

July 6—We extend our profound sympathy to the members of the family of Brother Henry Ramsey, who died last Sunday in James Walker Hospital. Brother Ramsey was perhaps the oldest member of our church and was greatly loved by all of us.

August 17—The W. M. S. will meet at the home of Mrs. E. T. Batson, Sr. on Thursday at 8:00 P. M.

August 31—The following members of the church are sick and would appreciate a visit from fellow church members: Mr. Tate Cowan (at home); Mr. E. T. Batson, Sr. (Baker Hospital, Lumberton); Mrs. John Bowden (at home); Miss Mary Thomas Lanier (James Walker Hospital).

October 5—The following persons who came during the revival to present themselves as candidates for baptism will be baptized Sunday, October 12, at 4:00 P. M., at Southside Baptist Church, Wilmington: Margaret McLendon, Madge Cowan, Linda Lanier, Robert Zandy, Carlene Horrell, Mrs. Roy Covil, Mr. Glenn Ives, Mrs. C. L. Matthews, Mrs. Bill Mahoney, Mrs. Foster Trawick, Mrs. S. L. Williams. We pray God's richest blessings upon these. The love offering for Dr. J. B. Lawrence, who led in our revival, was \$227.28.

November 2—The Junior G. A.'s will meet on Thursday at 4:30 P. M. at the home of their counselor, Mrs. David Vann Harrell.

November 9—The Philathea Class will meet at the home of Mrs. Philip Sasser Monday at 8:00 P. M.

1948

January 4—Our church family has been touched deeply during the past month by the death of loved ones. We extend our sympathy as a church to the loved ones of those who have walked through the valley of the shadow of death: To Mr. S. G. Blake and family in the loss of Mrs. Blake; to Mr. and Mrs. Harvel Horrell in the loss of an infant son; to Mrs. F. T. Croom and family in the loss of a son and brother, Asa ("Cracker") Croom. May the God of all comfort and peace keep the hearts of these bereaved loved ones of our church family. We are happy to extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thomas upon their daughter, Gladys Thomas, who was born on December 9; and to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sasser upon their daughter, Mary Linda Sasser, who was born on December 23. May God bless you abundantly as you enter into

the joys of parenthood! The following persons of our church are sick and need our prayers and visits: Mr. Joseph Casey, Jr., who underwent a critical operation at Duke Hospital yesterday; Mrs. B. C. Boney, who underwent a serious operation at James Walker Hospital a week ago; Mrs. Harvel Horrell, who returned from James Walker Hospital last Sunday; Mr. Haywood Brown, Mr. Tate Cowan, Mrs. Jake Batson and Mrs. Katie Hocutt, who have been ill for the past several months.

March 28—The Deacons will meet at the home of Brother R. L. Hocutt on Friday at 8:00 P.M.

April 11—The Adult Women's Bible Class will meet at the home of Mrs. Gisper Frasier at 8:00 P. M. on Monday. The Church Nominating Committee will meet at 7:30 P. M., Tuesday, at the home of Mr. Heide Davis.

September 5—The W. M. S. meets at the home of Mrs. N. C. Wolfe at 8:00 P. M. on Monday. Junior Choir rehearsal is to be at 7:30 P. M. on Tuesday.

November 14—We extend a cordial welcome to the members of the King Solomon Lodge No. 138, to the members of the Eastern Star No. 217, to Rev. A. DeLeon Gray, our visiting minister, and to all who worship with us. The Adult Women's Bible Class meets at the home of Mrs. W. R. Harrell at 8:00 P. M., Monday. The following persons in our church are sick and are in need of our earnest prayers and our visits: Mrs. B. C. Boney, Mr. Tate Cowan, Mrs. Henry Ramsey, Miss Mary Thomas Ramsey. All of them are at their homes now.

1949

January 30—We extend our profound sympathy to the members of the family of Mr. Tyson Harrell, who died on January 22. We pray for the God of all comfort to sustain their hearts in this bereavement. We are happy to announce that we have obtained leaders for the following organizations: THE SUNBEAMS, to be led by Mrs. Bill Mahoney and Mrs. Willie George, Jr.; THE INTERMEDIATE G. A.'s, to be led by Mrs. Jack King and Mrs. Guy Barger.

February 13—We extend our heartiest congratulations as a church to Herbert and Mary Ramsey upon the arrival of their daughter, Celia James. Celia was born on Sunday, January 30. May God continue His blessings upon all of you!

May 15—We congratulate the following High School Seniors who are members of our church and Sunday School: Anne Blake, Sarah Marshburn, Launa Rivenbark, Evelyn Basden, Madge Cowan, Betty Jane Lanier, Betty Anne McLendon, Carolyn Southerland and Ike Ives! May God's richest blessings attend you upon this happy occasion and throughout the challenging life ahead of you!

June 5—There will be a baptismal service at the Southside Baptist Church this afternoon at 3:00, in Wilmington, for Joan Williams and Robert Everett Herring, two of our splendid Intermediates, who have recently made a profession of faith in Christ.

June 19—We had a very successful Bible School during the past two weeks, under the capable leadership of a splendid faculty. Our average attendance was around 70. Of this number 42 boys and girls had a perfect attendance record, and 5 missed only one day. The handwork this year will be taken by the boys and girls themselves to our Baptist Orphanage at Kinston. The flowers on the Communion Table have been placed there today, on Father's Day, in loving memory of J. L. Harrell by his family.

July 24—Our revival, which will be held September 5-18, is a little more than a month off. Rev. Manly Hocutt of Asheville will do the preaching. Let us begin our praying and working today. CONGRATULATIONS: We extend our sincere congratulations to Mr. R. W. Southerland, who recently was elected president of the State Rural Letter Carriers' Association! Mr. Southerland, we are proud of you and of this distinct honor, and we shall be praying God's blessings upon you in this work. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Westbrook upon the birth of a daughter, Nancy Jane.

October 9—The following persons have united with our church recently and will receive the right hand of Christian fellowship today at the close of the Morning Worship Service: Baptism, Elizabeth Rich, Jane Sumner, Bobby Sumner, Larry Sasser, Don Barber, Robert Casey, Ferrell Casey, Mrs. Ellis Batson; By Letter, Mrs. Cy Basden, Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Brown, Ruth Malpass, Fred Gaylor, Mr. and Mrs. Maylon E. McDonald. Cecil Sasser, who came on last Sunday night on a profession of faith in Christ as his personal Saviour, was received by the church as a candidate for baptism, and after baptism, into the full fellowship of the church. We are proud of this stand for Christ, Cecil, and we shall pray that you might grow day by day in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

December 18—WELCOME HOME, STUDENTS! We extend a hearty welcome home for the Christmas holidays to the following students of our church and Sunday School: Sarah Marshburn, Campbell College; Anne Blake, student nurse at Rex Hospital; Betty Jane Lanier, student nurse at James Walker Hospital; Arthur Batson, Lucius George, Jr., University of N. C.; B. C. Boney, Ike Ives, N. C. State College; Fib Bowen, E. C. T. C.; Betty Padgett, Wilmington College. All of us were saddened by the death of David Durham's mother, and to him and his family we extend our sincere sympathy. The flowers in the church today are given in loving memory of Brother Tate Cowan.

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May 7—We extend congratulations to two of our young people who will be graduating from Burgaw High School on Friday night, May 12—Norman C. Blake, Jr., better known as "Bubber," and Mary Thomas Lanier. Bubber and Mary Thomas, we rejoice with you in this cherished achievement and shall pray for the Lord to guide you as you seek to prepare for greater service to Him and to humanity. Dr. Roy Davis, son of A. H. Davis, will deliver the commencement address. Dr. Davis is research chemist with the Dupont Laboratories, Flint, Michigan.

June 4—The enrollment in Bible School this year was 71. The average attendance was 62. We congratulate all of the boys and girls with perfect attendance, and commend those who missed only one day! We express our sincere appreciation to the following Bible School Faculty Members: General Officers—Mrs. William Simmons, Principal; Mrs. C. E. McCullen, Music Director; Mae Blake, Pianist; Doris Ann Durham, Secretary; Beginners—Mrs. Thomas Deal, Superintendent, assisted by Mrs. William Simmons; Primaries—Mrs. Grafton Bradshaw, assisted by Doris Ann Durham and Mae Blake; Juniors—Mrs. D. O. Matthews, Miss Mary Taylor, Teachers; Mrs. Wayland Bland, Girls' Handwork Leader; Mr. Guy Barger, Mr. Norman Graham, Handwork Leaders for Junior and Intermediate Boys; Intermediates—Mrs. W. C. Dicksey, Mr. W. A. Poole, Teachers; Mrs. Tyson Harrell, Girls' Handwork Leader. Our Sunday School slogan for 1950 is "TAKE YOUR FAMILY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!"

October 29—We are grateful to the Lord for the following new members who have been added to our church fellowship in recent months: Mrs. Norman Graham, Mrs. Marion Bowen, Mrs. Gene Brown, Virginia Fedoronko, John Leslie Taylor, Annette Horrell, Ike Ives, Mr. Willie George, Sr., Franklin Rivenbark, Mrs. Tom Haynes. To these we will extend the right hand of Christian fellowship at the close of the morning service on November 12. We rejoice in the decision of Sambo Rivenbark to accept Christ as his personal Saviour, make public profession of his faith in Christ, and present himself as a candidate for baptism. He will be baptized on next Sunday night at the Evening Worship Service. We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ingram on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary!

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April 22—SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: On Easter Sunday we set an attendance goal of 200 at Sunday School. We had 209 present, exceeding our goal by 9. Our average attendance for the past four Sundays has been 188.

November 4—We rejoice in the salvation of the following who have made public profession of faith in Christ and have been received as candidates for baptism, and after their baptism will be received into full fellowship of our church: Mary Elna Ramsey, Brenda Barger, Norwood Covil, Bill Covil.”

Three Bachelor Pastors Found Wives

Rev. William A. Poole was our pastor from September 10, 1944, until October 28, 1952; Rev. Luther H. Morphis served from January 1, 1953, to March 16, 1959; and Dr. Francis S. Chesson was pastor from July 15, 1959, until December 31, 1962. All three of these ministers had received their education at Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Chesson had gone on to complete his doctorate at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

Burgaw Baptist Church was unique in that these three pastors who served from 1944 through 1962 were unmarried when they arrived in Burgaw! With or without the interest and assistance of many good “concerned ladies” of the church and community—some of whom were “unmarried and looking” and tried their best hands at cooking delicious cakes and pies—all three of these ministers were married during their respective stays in Burgaw!

Rev. Poole was our first unmarried pastor. When he came to Burgaw in 1944, this was his first pastorate following his graduation from the seminary. On January 19, 1946, he and Miss Kate Teague exchanged wedding vows in her home church—First Baptist Church, Fairmont, N. C. Mrs. Poole was home economics teacher at Burgaw High School and pianist at our church when the two were married.

Rev. Poole, who jokingly refers to “coming to Burgaw on a bicycle,” remained as our pastor for eight years. He and his family left Burgaw on October 28, 1952, when he assumed his pastoral duties at the First Baptist Church, Graham, N. C. The Pooles proudly took with them two fine sons—William, Jr., aged five, and Robert, aged three. They had another son, Barry, after leaving Burgaw.

Rev. Poole now serves as President, North Carolina Baptist Homes, Inc., Winston-Salem, N. C., a position he assumed in 1960.

Following Rev. Poole, Rev. Morphis became our pastor in 1953. The next year on May 1, 1954, he and Miss Mary Frances Page of Wilmington, N. C., were married in Calvary Baptist Church in that city. Mrs. Morphis had served for three years as a medical missionary with the Southern Baptist Convention’s Foreign Mission Board in Nigeria, West Africa.

When Rev. and Mrs. Morphis left Burgaw in 1959 for his new pastorate at the Haymore Memorial Baptist Church, Mount Airy, N. C., they took with them to their new home two wonderful children—Ellen and Kenneth.

Rev. and Mrs. Morphis are presently serving with the Southern Baptist Convention’s Foreign Mission Board in Vienna, Austria.

Dr. Chesson succeeded Rev. Morphis as our pastor in 1959.

Dr. Chesson, Rev. Poole, and Rev. Morphis posed for the photographer during the November 1961 session of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina held at Greensboro, N. C., about a week before Dr. Chesson, our pastor at that time, flew to Louisville, Kentucky, to exchange his wedding vows. It is said that during this picture-taking session Rev. Poole and Rev. Morphis jokingly gave Dr. Chesson a “little guidance” before he launched into matrimony!

Dr. Chesson’s wife is the former Miss Nina Martin of Louisville, Kentucky, who had been employed with the Kentucky State Baptist Convention. They were married on November 18, 1961.

Dr. and Mrs. Chesson moved to Whiteville, N. C., in late December 1962 when he assumed the pastorate of the First Baptist there.

He is now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Camden, Arkansas.

Each of these three former pastors has in common that each married after coming to Burgaw, and they continue to have in common the love and devotion of the Burgaw Baptist Church members!

No Children in Sunday School

Because of two serious polio epidemics in 1944 and in 1948, there were two times in the life of our church that children were not permitted to assemble for Sunday School and church. These were four Sundays in 1944—August 20, 27, September 3, 10—and seven Sundays in 1948—July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 8, 15, 22.

These children were really missed, and Sunday School didn't quite seem right during those eleven Sundays. Of course, it reflected in the attendance for those Sundays.

During one of the Sundays in 1944—August 27—when no children were present, only twenty-six persons attended Sunday School.

Many Served in Armed Forces

During the past one hundred years our church has had many members serve faithfully and patriotically in the armed forces of our country during wars and conflicts as well as in times of peace. Although these members were greatly missed by those who were at home, the church prayed often for them and their safety and for their comrades throughout the world in similar conditions.

Rev. William A. Poole served our church as pastor during the latter part of World War II. As a result of his deep concern for the men and women from our church in service, the attention of the congregation was constantly called to remember our service persons in prayer. Special services were also held in their recognition.

On June 30, 1946, a grateful church had a special service to welcome back our returned men and women. These included not only members of our church but also relatives and loved ones of our church family. Rev. C. W. Duling, a former pastor who had served as a chaplain during World War II, was invited to deliver the sermon. A roll call of our returned service men and women was held, and many were present to joyfully and—in some cases—to tearfully respond.

The roster of our returned service men and women as listed in the church bulletin for that day included "W. G. Andrews, W. M. Baker, Clifton Bannerman, Paul Bannerman, E. T. Batson, Jr., Ellis Batson, Billy Bert Bowen, Fib Bowen, Marion Bowen, Raeford P. Bowen, Charles Bowles, B. C. Boney, Jr., Gene Brown, John D. Burns, Basil Bullard, Wayne Casey, Wirt Casey, Harry T. Collins, Jr., James Edwin Collins, Oliver Allen Cowan, Ernest Cottle, Heide Davis, Jr., Clifton Lee Davis, Jessie Dicksey, David B. Durham, Lucius R. George, Jr., Willie E. George, Jr., Catherine Sumner Guthrie, Carlton Harrell, Charles M. Harrell, David Vann Harrell, Edith C. Harrell, Herbert Harrell, Hugh Harrell, Wilburn Harrell, William N. Harrell, Thelma Williams Harvey, Ernest Lee Highsmith, L. W. Horne, Jr., G. R. Hubbard, Walter J. Marshburn, Jr., James C. Moore, Claude McCullen, Jr., T. P. Parker, Harvey Rivenbark, Jr., Vernon Sasser, Willie Wells, Emiles Williams and Harry W. Williams."

In the bulletin for that occasion was this special message entitled "Bless The Lord, O My Soul."

With the Psalmist we sing today: 'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.' Surely God has brought us to this hour! We would give Him the honor and the glory as we in the sacred moments of this service meet to affirm our faith in His everlasting mercy, to pray for cleansing and power to do His will, to pay our affectionate honor to those who have given their devotion to country and to humanity, to assure ourselves of the promise of life eternal, in which is our joy, hope and peace!

Later, on June 19, 1947, the morning worship service was in honor of those who had returned from the service since the special program on June 30, 1946.

The bulletin for that service contained this message: "We welcome in a special way today the members of our church and church family who served in World War II and have been discharged within the past months. We have planned the morning worship service in their honor as an expression of our love and esteem for every one of them and our gratitude to God as a church for them. We have missed them from the church and the community and have rejoiced to see them again and to witness the active part that they have been taking in the work of our church. We mention their names here with abiding appreciation: Arthur Batson, Charles Bowen, Paul Bowen, Carson Carlton, Earl Harrell, Hubert Harrell, George Lee McLendon, Carl Williams and Jimmy Wooster."

Streets Paved

The State Highway Commission paved the two streets on which our property borders in 1948. The church cooperated with other property owners in having curbing installed so that the street paving could extend from curb to curb. Cost of this project to the church was approximately \$1,300.00.

A special committee was named by the church on October 24, 1948, to canvass the membership to secure funds for this purpose. Those appointed were John E. Taylor—chairman, D. O. Matthews, Miss Doris Ann Durham, Miss Mae Blake, Miss Ann Blake, Raymond Rich, Jr., Mrs. W. C. (Gertie) Myers, Mrs. Grafton (Edna Vann) Bradshaw, David Vann Harrell, and Mrs. Harry W. (Virginia) Williams. Approximately \$500.00 was raised; \$400.00 was paid from the Building Fund; the remaining \$400.00 came from the General Fund.

The members were elated when this paving project was completed because in the past those streets could get mighty dusty—and then plenty muddy—from time to time!

Some Property Transactions

After buying the lot directly behind our church property on November 29, 1945, the church owned the western half of the entire block. It was felt that this land would meet our needs for many years.

However, the church engaged in several real estate transactions between 1950 and 1968 concerning a portion of such property. On January 1, 1950, the church voted to sell the surplus Sunday School Annex building along with a fairly large lot to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Tucker for \$1,400.00. The annex was later made into a comfortable home for the Tuckers. On May 10, 1961, the membership felt that it would be in the church's best interest to purchase from the Tuckers some of the property adjoining our new educational building that was then being constructed. The church bought from Mr. and Mrs. Tucker a lot sized 60 feet by 181½ feet for \$800.00. Mrs. Tucker died in 1964. After Mr. Tucker passed away in 1968, their estate offered to sell the remaining Tucker property back to the church. On May 29, 1968, the church voted to purchase this property consisting of a lot, house, and garage for \$6,000.00. A committee consisting of

R. R. Rich—chairman, Carlton S. Harrell, Tommy Padgett, and F. C. Paschall was named to handle the arrangements. The Tucker house was sold on August 11, 1968, for \$2,000.00; it was removed from the lot.

Once more the church owned one half of the entire block!

Two Officers' Reports in 1954

L. R. George served the church as general treasurer for ten years, from October 1, 1944, to September 30, 1954. At conference on October 6, 1954, he gave this very interesting report: "September receipts on budget, \$678.60. Year's receipts amounted to \$9,410.08, and special collections totalled \$1,037.51. Our budget for last year was \$8,994.00, and receipts were \$9,410.08, or a figure of \$416.08 over for the year. The bank balance as of September 30, 1954, was \$1,384.46. As I have prepared my last treasurer's report, my thoughts turned to the past, and I began making tabulations which revealed that \$65,408.53 had been received on the budget and special collections had amounted to \$10,577.96, giving a grand total of \$75,986.49 received through the general fund during my ten years of office. For the same period of years \$29,560.00 has been paid out for pastor's salary, and \$9,886.00 has gone to the Cooperative Program. \$2,000.00 was paid for janitor services during a seven year period. During my term of office there had always been sufficient funds in the bank to pay all bills when due. The offerings that have passed through my hands during these ten years have ranged in amounts from pennies to a few hundred dollar bills; however, in my opinion, sacrificial giving has amounted to less than one-half of one per cent. I want to express my thanks to all of you for the confidence placed in me by the church as I have served these ten years as your church treasurer. The work has been a pleasure."

At that same conference Howard Holly who had served as church clerk for nine years from October 1, 1945, through September 30, 1954, gave a summary of his activities: "In 1945 when I became your clerk, we had 462 members. During these past nine years we had the following additions: 125 by baptism, 85 by letters, or a total of 210 received into our membership. Our losses include: 38 by death, 157 by letters and statements, or a total of 195 losses for nine years. Therefore, we gained 210 members and lost 195. This was a net gain of fifteen. Total present membership is 477. During these nine years and including many big financial drives and a building program total receipts through all offerings and from all organizations as reported in our nine associational letters amounted to \$134,997.72. This does not include any money borrowed but is the figure of what our people actually gave to all church causes in nine years. Over this nine year period we have had 108 monthly church conferences and 41 called conferences. I have attended and recorded the minutes of all of the 108 regular conferences and have missed only four of the 41 call conferences. We did something at those conferences too—just a mere total of 590 motions resulted from these business meetings. The longest conference was on Wednesday, May 9, 1951—an extended session of two hours and fifty minutes—lasting from 8:00 to 10:50 P. M. Ask me about it some other time, and I'll be glad to tell you what happened, just in case you were one of those who ran out on us before adjournment . . ."

It Made the Front Page

The following article appeared on the front page of *The Pender Chronicle* on April 13, 1961. It concerned the evening worship service on Sunday, April 9, 1961.

"Church Members Tackle Unusual Job Sunday"

"Two of the Burgaw Baptist Church members have done various jobs in their church, but Sunday night's job topped them all—Sunday night carpentering.

Anyone would have gotten a chuckle had they seen Howard Holly and Beulah Giddens wrestling against the extremely high winds in an effort to keep the front door of the sanctuary intact.

The terrific winds split the heavy door partially from its hinges during the evening worship service.

At the close of the service, after most people had left the church, with the exception of some committee members who were in session, the wind again began to get in behind the damaged door, blowing rain into the vestibule. Mr. Holly and Mrs. Giddens began holding the door with all their might, but the wind managed to twist the door completely from the hinges.

It was then a mad scramble for Holly to 'fetch' the door and jam it in the door facing with Mrs. Giddens mostly lending moral support.

With drenched furs, coats and hats, the two were determined not to give up. But they admit that they welcomed the aid they finally received from one of the men, John Giddens, who was meeting elsewhere in the church.

Sunday clothes were almost ruined, but the vestibule was protected."

Some Special Services

Through the years our church has held many denominational programs and other services focusing on various groups within our church. All of these events have been very meaningful and have been well supported by our church. A few of these special emphasis programs are described below.

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On May 25, 1952, the following 4-H Club members ushered at our morning worship service: Mary Ann Wolfe, Ann Bradshaw, Cecil Sasser, and John Leslie Taylor. Laura Jane Bowling and Russell Lewis participated in the service. Pastor William A. Poole gave a special welcome to 4-H Club members present.

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An outstanding Girls Auxiliary and Royal Ambassadors Recognition Service was held at the evening worship on Sunday, February 26, 1956, during the pastorate of Rev. Luther H. Morphis. The theme was "Following The Star." The following participated: Maidens—Nancy Deal and Margaret Elizabeth Matthews; Ladies-in-Waiting—Elna Kaye Best, Patsy Deal, Lillian Ann Harrell, Carolyn Horrell, Billie Louise Simmons, and Louise Sumner; Squires—Richard Collins, W. E. George, III, and Hugh B. Highsmith, Jr.; Princesses—Mary Ruth Bowden, Judy Giddens, Faith Murray, and Bobbye Francis Taylor; and Knight—John Westbrook.

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A beautiful Coronation Service for the Girls Auxiliary was held during the evening worship on May 5, 1957. These participated: Maidens—Marsha Murray, Sylvia Murray, and Stella Vdovich; Ladies-in-Waiting—Nancy Batson and Mary Emma Blanchard; Princesses—Elna Kaye Best, Nancy Deal, Patsy Deal, Lillian Ann Harrell, Carolyn Horrell, Margaret Elizabeth Matthews, Billie Louise Simmons, and Louise Sumner; Queens—Mary Ruth Bowden, Judy Giddens, Faith Murray, and Bobbye Frances Taylor. Edward Mauney was trumpeter. Queens' Crown Bearers were Jean Bowden, Jane Westbrook, Celia Ramsey, and Ruth Harrell.

Mrs. Hubert (Edith) Westbrook was president of the Woman's Missionary Union, and our pastor was Rev. Luther H. Morphis. Counselors for the Girls Auxiliaries included Mrs. John A. (Elizabeth) Casha, Jr.—Juniors and Mrs. Luther H. (Mary Frances) Morphis—Intermediates.

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Baptist Student Night was observed in our church on Sunday, January 1, 1961, during the evening worship service. Students participating included Lucille Allred, Whrens Williams, Joseph Casey, III, Frances Allred, Faith Murray, Stacy Covil, and Shirley Thompson. This very fine program which had as its theme "Found Faithful" was coordinated by our pastor Dr. Francis S. Chesson.

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Laymen's Day was observed on Sunday morning, January 30, 1966, under the direction of our pastor Rev. David N. Morris. The message was delivered by Howard Holly. Other laymen appearing on the program were Walter J. Thomasson, J. D. Romano, Douglas Leary, James R. Robinson, and Clifton Puryear. A large men's choir provided special music.

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The church was crowded for the evening worship service on Sunday, June 2, 1968. A very impressive Girls Auxiliary Coronation Service was held. Maidens were Patricia Blackburn, Sheila Covil, Mary Ann Deal, Martha Harrell, Sharon Hubbard, Barbara Ives, and Lee Ann James. The Lady-in-Waiting was Bobbi Brown and the Princess was Beth Yates. The Queens were Barbara Yates and Cheryle Brown; they were attended by Sherry Padgett and Karen Williams. Mrs. John H. (Elizabeth) Yates, Woman's Missionary Union director, served as narrator. Special music was rendered by Susan McLendon, Sarah Catherine Harrell, and Ruth Harrell. Charges to the girls were given by Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr., Mrs. Claude E. (Margaret) McCullen, Jr., Mrs. David Vann (Margaret) Harrell, and Miss Mary Taylor. Gifts were presented by Mrs. H. Phillip (Jane) King. Prayer was by our pastor Rev. H. Phillip King.

Girls Auxiliary Counselors were Mrs. Robert E. (Margaret) Brown and Mrs. Frank (Loretta) Evans. The Reviewing Council was composed of Mrs. Douglas (Rebecca) Leary, Mrs. David Vann (Margaret) Harrell, and Mrs. Claude E. (Margaret) McCullen, Jr. Ushers included Susan McLendon, Sarah Catherine Harrell, Ruth Harrell, Jean Bowden, and Elizabeth Tucker. Mrs. R. Foster (Margaret) Trawick was in charge of church decorations, and Mrs. Harry W. (Virginia) Williams served as reception chairman.

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Our college students were honored on Sunday, August 25, 1968, during the evening worship service. Assisting our pastor Rev. H. Phillip King in the service were Jean Bowden, Carlton S. Harrell, Jr., Betty Jane Garris, Glenn Ives, Jr., Jewell Ann Wynne, Ruth Harrell, and Jeanne-Marie Thomasson. A social was held following the service for the students and their friends.

The bulletin for that Sunday listed the following students in colleges and technical institutes: Janice Barger, Rebecca Batson, Jean Bowden, Frank Burch, Jr., Linda Bennison, Juanita Covil, Glenda Fussell, Fred Tyson Gaylor, Carlton S. Harrell, Jr., Ruth Harrell, Janice Herring, Janet Bowen, Jane Westbrook, Jewell Ann Wynne, Brenda Clark, Betty Jane Garris, Glenn Ives, Jr., Charles T. Pullen, Jr., Linda Sasser, Billie Louise Simmons, Roger Tew, Thomas Vick, III, Gary E. Trawick, Jeanne-Marie Thomasson, Joseph Lee Williams, Joy Williams, John M. Yates, and James Yount.

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The youth of the church participated in the evening worship service on Sunday, April 13, 1969. These included Roy Barnhill, James Ardrey Thomasson, David Vann Harrell, Jr., R. Eugene Brown, Jr., William Hill, Stephen Zandy, Samuel Harrell, William Trawick, Rebecca Harrell, Lou Harrell, Sarah Catherine Harrell, Susan McLendon, and Donna Maruska.

Leaders were Mrs. H. Phillip (Jane) King, Warren Hill, and our pastor Rev. H. Phillip King.

Memorial Gifts Other Than Those Previously Listed

Item	In Memory Of	Given By
Two Candelabra	Mrs. A. H. (Madola Shepard) Davis	Davis Family through Madola Davis Circle
Church Parlor Furniture	Samuel Lee Williams Lacy Brothers Williams Samuel Lee Williams, Jr. Margaret Williams Ives	Williams Family
Speaker's Stand	Elna Kaye Best Frances Best	Family and Friends
Lord's Supper Picture	E. T. Batson	Dr. and Mrs. Frank P. Ward— Daughter and Son-in-law
Sunday School Furniture Sanctuary Pew Cushions	James B. Lewis, V	Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lewis— Grandparents
Foyer Furniture	R. Foster Trawick	Trawick Family
Hearing Aid Equipment	H. Ivey and Ida Jane Bowen Dana E. Bowen Matthew C. Bowen Harvey M. Bowen Alvin R. Bowen Evander Jackson Bowen Pearl Bowen Bunn Herbert Ivey Bowen, Jr. Stacie Lee Bowen	Mrs. Ruby Bowen Melvin— Daughter and Sister
Nursery Furnishings	Mrs. Charles (Victoria Rochelle) Lanier	Mrs. Jennings B. (Victoria) Teal and Mrs. L. R. (Lucille) George
Sunday School Furniture	D. O. Matthews	Family and Friends
Prayer Room Furnishings	A. H. Davis	Family and Friends
Punch Silver Service	Hill and Helen B. King	Mrs. William (Eva) Kay— Daughter
Fluorescent Light for Piano in Sanctuary	Harold Moore	Mrs. Harold (Phyllis) Moore— Wife
Painting of Original Church Building	Mrs. Hill (Helen Brothers) King	Mr. and Mrs. David R. Williams

Miscellaneous

Special remembrance must be made of the fine work and helpful presence of the wives of our various pastors. These dear Christian women have labored and led in a wonderful way and have been of much help to their husbands, the church, and the community.

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Our church letter to the Eastern Baptist Association in 1897 listed J. D. Hocutt as a Licentiate from the Burgaw Baptist Church.

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On December 21, 1919, the church voted "to elect the Woman's Missionary Union as a committee on welfare to look after the newcomers and non-church goers."

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Many of our present and former members will never forget those wonderful day-long Sunday School picnics our church held at White Lake and Carolina Beach in the 1930's. Two or three big trucks were used to transport the large number of children and adults who were eager to attend, and some cars were driven. All of the Sunday Schools in Burgaw joined in these grand events a few times. Those who attended greatly enjoyed hours of delightful swimming, bathing, old-fashioned community fellowship, and a picnic featuring some of the best food imaginable!

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David Vann Harrell recalls that as an eighteen-year-old young man, he and his father J. L. Harrell on a return trip from New York in one of the Harrell's large trucks stopped at Chester, Pennsylvania, in July 1938 to move Rev. C. W. Duling, our new pastor, and his family to Burgaw. The only charge was for the actual expenses, and this amounted to \$33.00.

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On May 4, 1949, the church purchased a communion set from the Baptist Book Store for \$198.00. The Woman's Missionary Society had contributed \$43.00 earlier to apply toward the purchase of a suitable communion set.

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Our January Bible Study each year has always been a highlight in our church to those who participated. Many times our pastors would lead in this special Bible study. Dr. W. R. Cullom, retired professor of religion at Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C., led us in 1950. At that time he was over ninety years of age. Others who have led various studies include local members B. L. Davis and Clarence Dodgens.

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The following served as junior ushers during the 1950-1951 church year: William Bland, Danny Bland, Carl Wolfe, Jr., Raymond Rich, Jr., Franklin Rivenbark, Thomas Zandy, Robert Zandy, Everett Herring, Lewis Meadows, Robert Casey, Larry Sasser, Garland Williams, and Sam Highsmith, Jr.

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The Kennedy Home Singing Class, Kinston, N. C., visited our church on September 16, 1951, and gave a program of sacred music to a full congregation. We took a special offering which amounted to \$54.21 for Kennedy Home, a part of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

Our church had a two weeks' Bible School in late May and early June 1953 from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon on Mondays through Fridays. The enrollment reached one hundred five, and the average attendance was eighty-four. Under the direction of Rev. Luther H. Morphis, pastor, our Bible School achieved a Grade AA rating.

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Members of the Every Member Canvass Committee elected by the church on October 7, 1953, included Joseph R. Casey, Jr.—chairman, David B. Durham, D. O. Matthews, Carson Carlton, Miss Ethel Baugh, Jesse Murray, Mrs. Harvey L. (Elizabeth) Batson, Mrs. Thomas (Elizabeth) Allen, Mrs. Philip (Eleanor) Sasser, Mrs. Thomas (Ethel) Deal, Mrs. John O. (Beulah) Giddens, and William Covil.

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The Southern Baptist Convention sponsored a widely promoted program in 1954 to enroll a million more persons in Sunday School throughout the Convention. Our church participated in this program. A special song was written and sung many times during that year in the churches of the Convention. The song was entitled "A Million More In '54 Enrolled in Sunday School." Some of the younger folks in our church began to sing this song with spirit—and they had a version of their own. They loudly sang: "A Million More In '54 A-Rolling into Sunday School." Their teachers soon put them on the right track!

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Our church bulletin for November 14, 1954, gave this report: "Reports at church conference Wednesday night showed that during the month of October we averaged 186 in Sunday School, 51 in attendance at Training Union and 42 in attendance at Prayer Service."

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Our church entered a beautiful float in Burgaw's Christmas Parade sponsored by the Burgaw Jaycees in 1956. It had a religious theme, and the following comprised the special committee that prepared the float: W. E. George, Jr.—chairman, W. M. Baker, Roland Batson, John O. Giddens, J. B. Lewis, David B. Durham, Mrs. Hubert (Edith) Westbrook, Mrs. Manley (Della) Blackburn, Mrs. N. C. (Mary Smith) Wolfe, Mrs. John A. (Elizabeth) Casha, Jr., Mrs. Guy P. (Lena Lee) Barger, Mrs. R. W. (Callie) Southerland, Mrs. Herbert (Mary) Ramsey, and Mrs. C. L. (Mildred) Allred.

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Mrs. C. E. (Julia) McCullen, who was for many years director of both the adult's and children's choirs, organized the first children's choir in our church. However, Mrs. McCullen was never a member of our church but was an Episcopalian and had her membership at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Burgaw. At that time St. Mary's Church had once-a-month services, which Mrs. McCullen attended. At other times she was very faithful in helping with the music program and other activities of our church, of which her husband C. E. McCullen was a leader for many years.

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Our first paid choir director and organist was Mrs. Robert T. Taylor of Henderson, N. C. She began her duties on January 6, 1957, at a monthly salary of \$225.00. Mrs. Taylor resigned her work on July 14, 1957. Since that time the church has paid some of those who have helped in the music program on a part-time basis. The part-time salaries have been relatively small.

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Our church bulletin on May 12, 1957, congratulated these young people from our church who were graduating from high school on May 17, 1957: Lucille Allred, Mary Elna Ramsey,

Elizabeth Rich, Joseph Casey, III, Marshall Mauney, Donald Nanney, LaMar B. Pridgen, and John Leslie Taylor. Marshall Mauney and John Leslie Taylor were in the group of Honor Graduates.

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Our Sunday School attendance on February 10, 1957, was two hundred thirty-three, and Training Union attendance was forty-five. The offering that day was \$251.78 for the General Fund and \$58.55 for the Building Fund.

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These young people attended conferences at Ridgecrest in July 1960: Ruth Batson, Harriet Baker, Elna Kaye Best, Mary Emma Blanchard, Judy Giddens, Marsha Murray, and Nancy Batson. Sponsors accompanying them were Mrs. Claude E. (Margaret) McCullen, Jr., and Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr.

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The following were awarded Teaching and Training Awards in connection with the book *Outreach For The Unreached* in November 1960: Mr. and Mrs. John O. Giddens, Mrs. W. F. (Bennie) Best, Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr., Miss Mary Thomas Lanier, and Dr. Francis S. Chesson, pastor.

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A former member of our church, LaMar B. Pridgen, answered God's call to become a minister and was licensed by Burgaw Baptist Church in 1961. He was reared in Burgaw where he resided with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. John O. Giddens. He now serves as a Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) in the United States Army under the auspices of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Our six Woman's Missionary Society circles met on Monday, June 19, 1961, in the following homes: Afternoon Circle with Mrs. Sam L. (Eva) Hamilton, Madola Davis Circle with Mrs. Paul (Hattie) Nanney, Tessie Dicksey Circle with Mrs. Harvel A. (Ethel) Horrell, Dora Murray Circle with Miss Mary Taylor, Carlton-Ramsey Circle with Mrs. Manley (Catherine) Ennis, and Riverside Circle with Mrs. Harvey L. (Elizabeth) Batson.

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Our church voted on November 8, 1961, to pay our part-time janitor \$75.00 per month and in addition to grant him a helper whose salary would not exceed \$25.00 per month, making a total of \$100.00 per month for janitorial services. This increase in pay was given when the church began to use the new educational building.

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The old parsonage which had been used for several years for Sunday School classrooms was sold and removed from the lot in 1962 since it was no longer needed because of the new educational building's being occupied.

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In March 1964 Harry W. Williams, Sunday School superintendent, reported at church conference "an average attendance of 247 in Sunday School for the month of February 1964 as compared to 233 for the month of January 1964."

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Mr. and Mrs. Dana E. Bowen celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in our church at the conclusion of the morning worship service on Sunday, May 3, 1970. Many relatives, fellow

church members, and other friends were a part of this very impressive service which included a reaffirmation by Mr. and Mrs. Bowen of their wedding vows. A reception in the fellowship hall was given by their children immediately following the church service.

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An excellent program was given in our church on March 1, 1971, by the Meredith College Choir, Raleigh, N. C. This was on a Monday night, and the church was filled to capacity. Choir members spent the night in the homes of several of our church families.

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The back porch at the parsonage was converted into a room in 1974.

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The church voted on December 17, 1975, to purchase a United States Flag and a Christian Flag to be used on each side of the sanctuary.

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The observance of the Lord's Supper in our church is held on the morning of the first Sunday in each calendar quarter, unless changed by the membership, except in the quarters in which Easter and Christmas fall. The observance is then held on Easter Sunday and on Christmas Eve night. These communion services are always very meaningful to those who participate.

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Our church has had a fine tradition for many years: a Bible is presented by the church to each of our students as they graduate from high school. Also, the Estelle Taylor Sunday School Class (Adult III Women) presents engraved silver book markers to these graduates.

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Gary E. Trawick is serving a one-year term in 1984 on the Meredith College Board of Associates.

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As of August 1, 1984, Howard Holly had completed forty-two years and ten months of perfect attendance at Sunday School; and Mrs. Hulan (Edna) Hufham had completed sixteen years and ten months of perfect attendance.

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Our church custodians are Mr. and Mrs. Donnie A. English, members of our church.

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We have four ordained Baptist ministers in our membership other than our pastor. They are Reverends William Lawrence Blanton, Glenn D. Sellers, B. L. Davis, and Clarence Dodgens.

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Our oldest living former pastor is Rev. A. L. Pollock (pastor here 1937-1938), who was born December 3, 1896, and is now eighty-seven years old! He is in rather poor health and resides with his wife at 728 Pocono Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23236.

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So far as our records show, our oldest member in age is Mrs. J. L. (Lillian) Harrell, who was born July 24, 1890—and is now ninety-four years old! Mrs. Harrell has perhaps been a continuous member of our church longer than any other person since she moved her membership

to Burgaw Baptist Church shortly after she was married on April 4, 1909—more than seventy-five years ago!

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The total value of our church buildings and contents is estimated to be at least \$650,000.00. Our church has no debt of any type.

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Burgaw Baptist Church is located at the corner of East Bridgers and North Wright Streets in Burgaw, North Carolina. Our mailing address is Burgaw Baptist Church, Post Office Box 385, Burgaw, North Carolina 28425. Our telephone number at the church is (919) 259-4310.

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As of July 15, 1984, our membership totals five hundred eighty-four. Three hundred forty-six of these are resident, and two hundred thirty-eight are non-resident.

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Shown below is the attractive logo for our Centennial. It was designed by Fred Tyson Gaylor. He grew up in our community and church and now resides in Burgaw and Wilmington, N. C.



SECTION III

OUR DEDICATED LEADERSHIP

Ministers Who Have Served Our Church

Unknown	1884–1886
<i>Deceased</i>	
W. B. Pope	1886–1888
L. M. Curtis	1888–1889
D. C. Rogers	1889–1891
Solomon D. Swaim	1891–1893
R. E. Peele	1893–1895
M. C. Walton	1895–1906
J. M. Bennett	1906–1908
C. H. Utley	1908–1910
R. E. Peele	1910–1913
E. L. Weston	1913–1919
J. H. Powers	1919–1924
C. R. Taylor	1924–1932
W. P. Page	1933–1936
<i>Living</i>	
A. L. Pollock	1937–1938
C. W. Duling	1938–1942
R. W. Acree	1942–1943
William A. Poole	1944–1952
Luther H. Morphis	1953–1959
Francis S. Chesson	1959–1962
David N. Morris	1963–1967
*John T. Wayland—Interim	
H. Phillip King	1968–1971
*Donald Cook—Interim	
Stiles H. Ellyson, Jr.	1972–1980
*Donald Cook—Interim	
Robert L. Phillips, Jr.	1980—Present

*—The interim pastors were professors at Southeastern
Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

LIVING DEACONS

The year shown is when our church first elected this man a deacon.

*Clayton Carter	1937	*George L. McLendon	1961	*Marvin Robinson	1972
*L. R. George	1937	*Hubert Westbrook	1961	*Gary E. Trawick	1973
*R. W. Southerland	1944	*James N. Tucker	1962	Samuel Cox	1973
*Guy P. Barger	1951	John H. Yates	1962	M. D. James	1974
*David Vann Harrell	1951	Warren Hill	1963	David Copley	1975
*Howard Holly	1951	Douglas Leary	1963	*Michael Corbett	1976
*Harvey L. Batson	1955	*Thomas Zandy	1964	*J. B. Lewis	1976
*David B. Durham	1955	Tommy Padgett	1965	*Charles White	1976
John O. Giddens	1955	Clifton Puryear	1965	*William Corbett	1977
Norman Graham	1955	*James R. Robinson	1965	*Charles Wells	1977
*S. Warren Sanders	1955	Frank Evans	1968	M. Clifford Warters, Jr.	1979
*W. M. Baker	1956	*Joseph Clay Jones	1968	*Jerry Fleming	1980
*William N. Harrell	1956	*Norwood Covil	1969	*Hal Porter	1980
*John A. Casha, Jr.	1957	Charles Barefoot	1971	*Glenn D. Sellers	1981
A. Milton Murray	1959	*Franklin Rivenbark	1971	*Bruce Williams	1982
Walter J. Thomasson	1959	*Clarence Dodgens	1972	*Larry Johnson	1983
*R. Eugene Brown	1960	*Harvey McLean	1972	*Joseph Lee Williams	1983
		*Randolph Spainhour	1984		

*—These deacons still have their membership in our church.



DECEASED DEACONS

The year shown is when our church first elected this man a deacon.

John J. Best	G. W. Manley	Roland Batson	1944	
J. T. Bland	T. D. Sasser	R. L. Hocutt	1944	
B. C. Boney	O. H. James	1937	Joseph R. Casey, Jr.	1951
J. H. Carlton	A. H. Davis	1937	W. E. George	1954
W. C. Dicksey	W. O. Savage	1937	Jesse Murray	1954
J. L. Harrell	E. T. Batson	1940	V. S. Covil	1956
W. R. Harrell	D. O. Matthews	1940	Ralph Horrell	1958
C. E. McCullen	R. R. Rich	1940	Leon Wilkes	1972

CHURCH CLERKS

A. E. Taylor	1884-1889	Mrs. Harvey L. (Elizabeth) Batson	1954-1976
J. D. Hocutt	1889-1903	Mrs. David (Maureen) Copley	1976-1978
C. E. McCullen	1903-1918	Mrs. R. R. (Helen) Rich	1978
W. R. Harrell	1918-1944	Mrs. Leon (Betty) Wilkes	1979
J. T. Henry	1944-1945	Mrs. Johnny (Judy) Paluck, Jr.	1979-1981
Howard Holly	1945-1954	Mrs. James (Betsy) Chestnutt	1981-Present

CHURCH TREASURERS

John J. Best	1918	Howard Holly	1954-1974
W. C. Dicksey	1918-1944	Miss Mary Thomas Ramsey	1974-Present
L. R. George	1944-1954		

For several years during the 1920's the church had what was termed as a treasurer of local expenses in addition to the church treasurer. Some of those who served in that office included W. L. Vann, W. H. Lewis, and J. L. Harrell.

BUILDING FUND TREASURERS

J. H. Carlton	William N. Harrell
D. O. Matthews	Hugh B. Highsmith, Jr.
C. E. Carpenter, Jr.	Lloyd Lee
Edward Covil	Jerry Fleming
Clayton Carter	Robert Barnhill
Tommy Padgett	*Charles Wells

MEMORIAL FUND TREASURERS

Mrs. Hulan (Edna) Hufham	Mrs. Noah W. (Marcia) Barnes
Mrs. Roland (Lois) Batson	*Mrs. Herbert (Mary) Ramsey
Mrs. R. R. (Helen) Rich	

FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

Miss Mary Taylor	Mrs. William N. (Dorothy) Harrell
Mrs. W. C. (Tessie) Dicksey	Mrs. Harry W. (Virginia) Williams
Mrs. Roland (Lois) Batson	Mrs. R. R. (Helen) Rich
Mrs. R. R. (Kathryn) Rich	*Mrs. Joseph Clay (Shirley) Jones
Mrs. David B. (Sallie) Durham	

BUILDING FUND SECRETARIES

Mrs. D. O. (Margaret) Matthews	Norwood Covil
D. O. Matthews	Brodie L. Meadows
Guy P. Barger	

*—These persons are presently serving.

CHURCH SECRETARIES

(Part-time)

Miss Mary Thomas Lanier
Mrs. R. Foster (Margaret) Trawick
Mrs. George L. (Cleta) McLendon
Miss Sherry Padgett

Mrs. W. Roger (Patricia) Geddes, Jr.
* Mrs. Michael (Donna) Corbett
Mrs. Camille M. Hines

TRUSTEES

R. R. Rich
W. C. Dicksey
Roland Batson
*R. W. Southerland
R. L. Hocutt
Joseph R. Casey, Jr.
F. C. Paschall
A. H. Davis
Henry Baucom
S. Warren Sanders
H. M. Hocutt
J. T. Bland

J. C. Carroll
A. A. McLendon
Hubert Harrell
Clarence Dodgens
Vernon Batson
J. H. Carlton
W. R. Harrell
*Gary E. Trawick
Clayton Carter
*David B. Durham
*Harvey L. Batson

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND/OR DIRECTORS

J. T. Bland	1885-1908	Guy P. Barger	1952-1954
C. E. McCullen	1908-1912	R. R. Rich	1954-1959
W. R. Harrell	1912-1916	John O. Giddens	1959-1963
C. E. McCullen	1916-1917	Harry W. Williams	1963-1966
R. Y. Corbett	1917-1918	James R. Robinson	1966-1967
W. R. Harrell	1918-1928	R. Eugene Brown	1967-1975
J. L. Harrell	1928-1929	M. D. James	1975-1979
C. E. McCullen	1929-1936	Whrens Williams	1979-1980
A. H. Davis	1936-1943	Gary E. Trawick	1980-1981
R. R. Rich	1943-1945	Franklin Rivenbark	1981-1983
A. H. Davis	1945-1952	Bruce Williams	1983-Present

*—These persons are presently serving.

EARLY OFFICERS, LEADERS, AND/OR DIRECTORS OF BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION, TRAINING UNION AND CHURCH TRAINING

D. H. Marshburn	Miss Ethel Baugh
Stacie Bowen	Mrs. D. O. (Margaret) Matthews
Miss Ethel May George	R. R. Rich
Miss Melba Kenan	Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr.
Miss Sallie Harrell	Carlton S. Harrell
Pearlie Teachey	Mrs. Hubert (Edith) Westbrook
Evander Bowen	James R. Robinson
L. R. George	Mrs. Carlton L. (Barbara) Sligh
Miss Vera Bullard	Mrs. Andrejs (Donna) Grinbergs
Miss Mary L. Williams	Leon Wilkes
Miss Ruth Snipes	Douglas Leary
Miss Ethel Highsmith	William Corbett
Miss Clara B. Newton	M. D. James

BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS

C. E. Carpenter, Jr.	Frank Evans
J. D. Romano	Carlton Croom
Bobby Pittman	Andrejs Grinbergs

YOUTH DIRECTORS

(Part-time)

Frank D. Russ, Jr.	1977-1980
Mr. and Mrs. John Olson	1982-1983

SUMMER YOUTH WORKER

Edward Stilley	Summer of 1984
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PRESIDENTS OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND/OR DIRECTOR OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Mrs. R. E. Peele	1911-1913
Mrs. W. C. (Fannie) Dicksey	1913-1915
Mrs. E. L. (Fannie Ora) Weston	1915-1916
Mrs. J. T. (Lorena) Bland	1916-1917
Mrs. R. T. (Dora) Murray	1917-1918
Mrs. W. C. (Fannie) Dicksey	1918-1920
Mrs. J. T. (Lorena) Bland	1920-1922
Mrs. J. H. (Ruth) Burnett	1922-1924
Mrs. R. T. (Dora) Murray	1924-1926
Mrs. J. H. (Ruth) Burnett	1926-1927
Mrs. W. R. (Estelle R.) Harrell	1927-1928
Mrs. W. J. (Sallie) Marshburn	1928-1934
Mrs. W. P. Page	1934-1936

Mrs. Sam H. (Frances) Ingram	1936-1937
Mrs. W. C. (Tessie) Dicksey	1937-1939
Mrs. Norman C. (Lottie) Blake	1939-1940
Mrs. W. C. (Gertie) Myers	1940-1941
Mrs. W. J. (Sallie) Marshburn	1941-1942
Mrs. R. R. (Kathryn) Rich	1942-1945
Mrs. W. C. (Tessie) Dicksey	1945-1947
Mrs. N. C. (Mary Smith) Wolfe	1947-1949
Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr.	1949-1951
Mrs. John W. (Frances) Register	1951-1952
Mrs. William (Eva) Kay	1952-1956
Mrs. Hubert (Edith) Westbrook	1956-1958
Mrs. R. Foster (Margaret) Trawick	1958-1960
Mrs. David Vann (Margaret) Harrell	1960-1962
Mrs. W. E. (Sadie) George, Jr.	1962-1964
Mrs. William (Eva) Kay	1964-1965
Mrs. V. S. (Inez) Covil	1965-1966
Mrs. Douglas (Rebecca) Leary	1966-1967
Mrs. John H. (Elizabeth) Yates	1967-1968
Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr.	1968-1976
Mrs. Stiles H. (Ora Green) Ellyson, Jr.	1976-1978
Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr.	1978-1981
Mrs. Leon (Betty) Wilkes	1981-Present

MUSIC LEADERS

This list does not include choir members. It is primarily those who have directed or assisted the various choirs or those who played the piano and/or organ for church services on a regular basis for a certain period of time—past and present. We could not include those who occasionally helped.

Mrs. C. E. (Julia) McCullen	Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr.
Miss Pearl Bowen	Mrs. Clayton (Susie) Carter
Mrs. Lorena Bland Humphrey	Mrs. John A. (Elizabeth) Casha, Jr.
Mrs. R. W. Acree	Miss Cheryl Hill
Lucius George, Jr.	Mrs. Charles (Amelia) Barefoot
Mrs. Norman C. (Lottie) Blake	Mrs. Samuel (Betty) Cox
Mrs. William A. (Kate) Poole	Mrs. Lloyd (Lina) Lee
Mrs. Norman (Christine) Graham	Mrs. Douglas (Rebecca) Leary
Mrs. R. Eugene (Helen) Brown	Mrs. Charles (Rosalie) White
Mrs. J. H. (Tallulah) Mauney	Mrs. M. Clifford (Linda) Warters, Jr.
Miss Mary Thomas Lanier	Mrs. Hugh B. (Virginia) Highsmith, Jr.
Mrs. W. F. (Bennie) Best	Mrs. Philip (Phyllis) Hardy
*Mrs. Gary E. (Jennings) Trawick	Wayne Robinson
**Mrs. Robert L. (Claudette) Phillips, Jr.	Mrs. Robert T. Taylor
Fred McAfee	Mrs. Howard (Betsy) Talley
Mrs. Fred (Nona) McAfee	Mrs. Sallie W. Bowden
Miss Billie Louise Simmons	Harry Rivenbark
Miss Mary Emma Blanchard	Randolph Everton
Mrs. W. Roger (Patricia) Geddes, Jr.	Mrs. W. L. (Phyllis) Croom, Jr.
*—Mrs. Trawick presently serves as organist.	**—Mrs. Phillips presently serves as music director.

SECTION IV

OUR PICTORIAL REMEMBRANCES

SOME OF OUR FORMER PASTORS



C. H. UTLEY
1908-1910



E. L. WESTON
1913-1919



C. R. TAYLOR
1924-1932



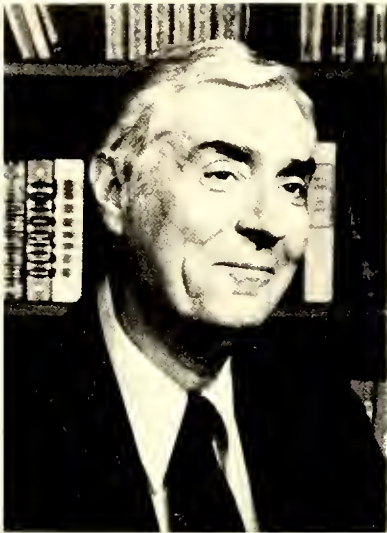
A. L. POLLOCK
1937-1938



C. W. DULING
1938-1942



R. W. ACREE
1942-1943



WILLIAM A. POOLE
1944–1952



LUTHER H. MORPHIS
1953–1959



FRANCIS S. CHESSON
1959–1962



DAVID N. MORRIS
1963–1967



H. PHILLIP KING
1968–1971



STILES H. ELLYSON, JR.
1972–1980



OUR FIRST CHURCH BUILDING—Construction was started in 1898, and the work was done by the men of the church. One of the leaders was John Wright Bowen who went into the woods, cut the timber for the building, and brought it to Burgaw, where he helped others put it together. Many sacrifices and a great amount of hard work went into the construction of this building. It was completed in the late summer of 1899. The church lot had been purchased on March 7, 1892, for \$80. This beautiful wood sanctuary served our congregation well until it was replaced by our present building on the same site in 1950. The Sunday School annex is shown at the back left, and the back portion of our first parsonage is seen at the right.



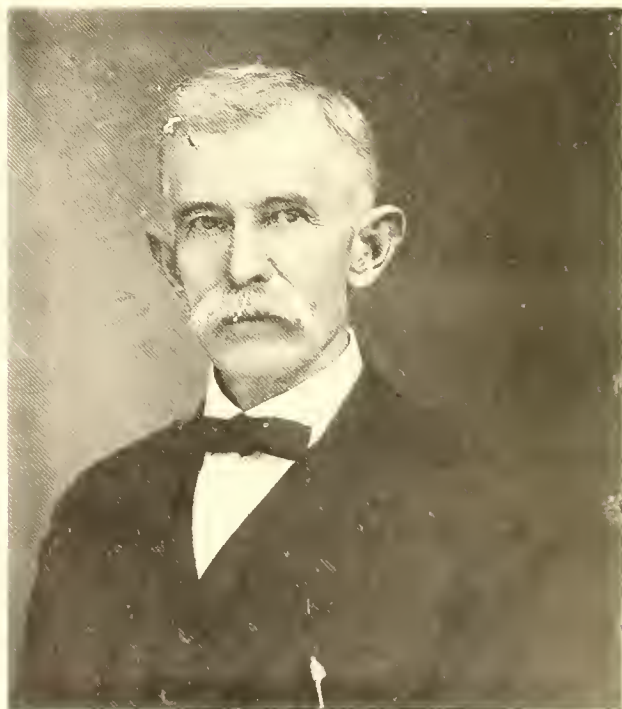
BURGAU BAPTISTS HAVE ALWAYS LIKED FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP—Our church has through the years enjoyed many homecomings with dinner-on-the-grounds. Shown above is a picture made in the early 1940's following a big dinner when most people had finished eating from a table filled with a huge assortment of food. Our old Sunday School annex is seen in the left background, and the Men's Sunday School Class building (formerly the law office of J. T. Bland) is shown in the right background.



ENTRANCE INTO OUR FIRST SANCTUARY—*Many members, former members, and friends have entered through this door to worship, to study, and to attend meetings, weddings, funerals, and other events in our first sanctuary during the more than fifty years it was used.*



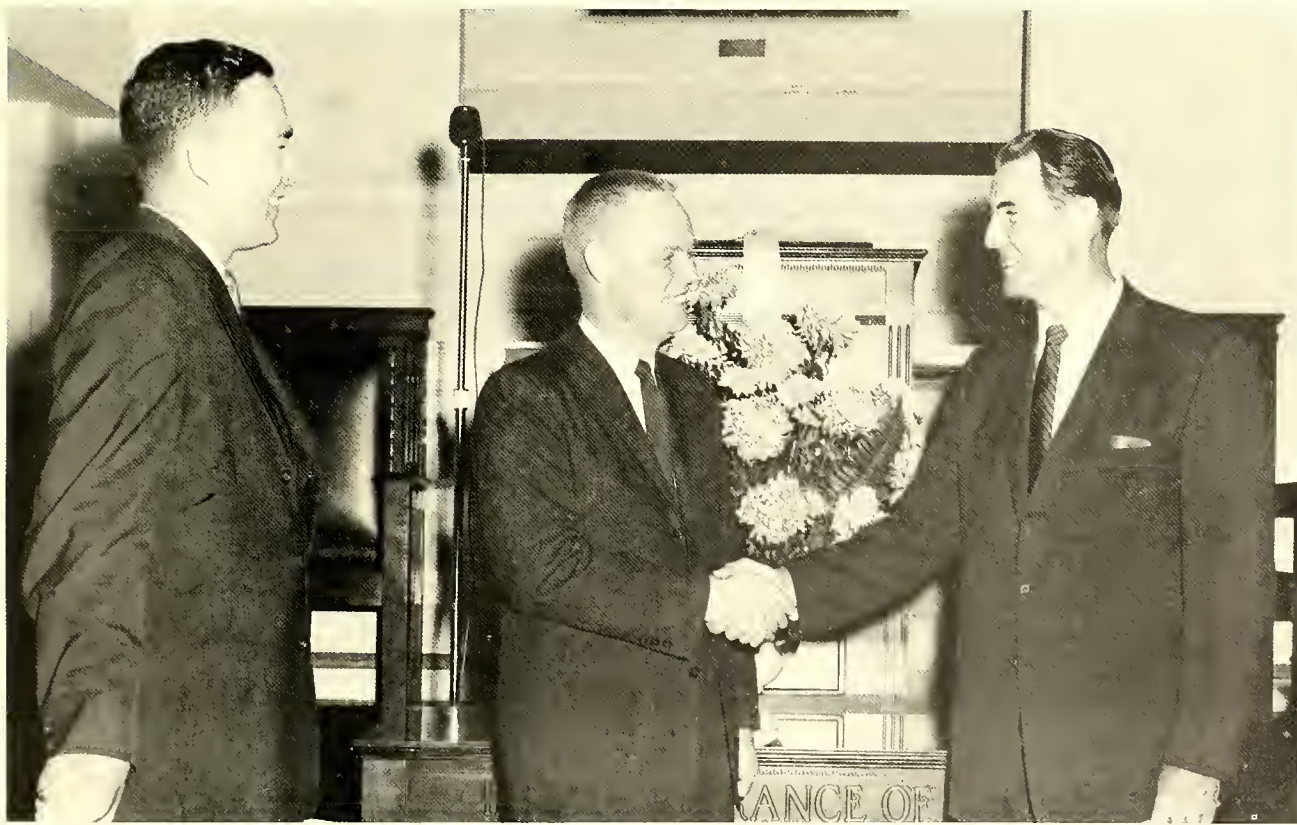
JOHN WRIGHT BOWEN
A Charter Member



J. T. BLAND
A Charter Member



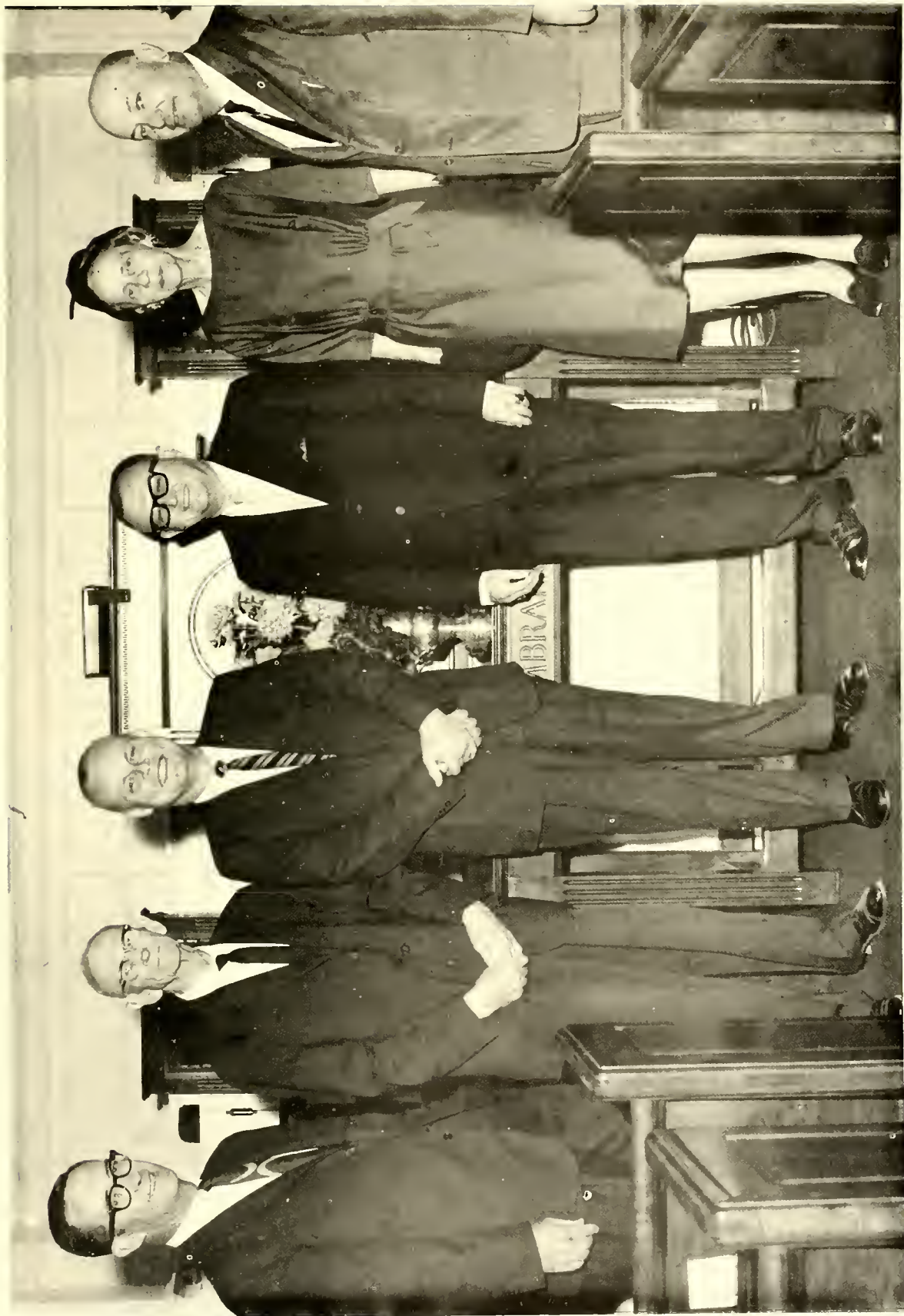
OUR PARSONAGE—Work on our parsonage located on the corner across from our church was started on March 12, 1956. The \$18,500 house was completed and occupied in July 1956. The Luther H. Morphis family was its first occupants. Our church borrowed \$10,000 to complete the construction, and the final payment on this debt was made December 19, 1958. A note-burning ceremony was held at the parsonage on Sunday, January 11, 1959, following the morning worship service.



DR. BRANCH VISITS OUR CHURCH IN 1960—Our church was very pleased to have Dr. Douglas M. Branch, General Secretary-Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, deliver the message at our Homecoming on September 25, 1960. Dr. Branch, shown at the right, is being greeted by Howard Holly, chairman of the deacons. Shown at the left is Dr. Francis S. Chesson, pastor.



PERFECT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN 1960—During Homecoming Day on September 25, 1960, members of Burgaw Baptist Church's Sunday School who had reached a perfect attendance record for a year or more gathered on the front steps of the church for a group picture. Shown, left to right, first row: Sarah Catherine Harrell, Catherine Stone, Frances Best, Lou Harrell; second row: David Vann Harrell, Jr., Samuel Harrell, William Trawick, Jr., Jeffrey Williams; third row: Jeanne-Marie Thomasson, Fred Smith, Carlton S. Harrell, Jr., Ruth Harrell, Glenda Fussell, Mrs. Carlton S. (Jewell) Harrell; fourth row: Walter J. Thomasson, Elna Kaye Best, Mrs. W. F. (Bennie) Best, Carlton S. Harrell; fifth row: John O. Giddens, Mrs. John O. (Beulah) Giddens—partially hidden, Howard Holly, Jesse Murray. It was pointed out during the picture-taking that the families of Mrs. W. F. (Bennie) Best, Carlton S. Harrell, and John O. Giddens were perfect in attendance for a year or longer. Howard Holly had a nineteen year perfect attendance record at that time. Although not present for the picture-taking, Richard Collins and Judy Giddens both had an eight-year record. Present to extend congratulations for this perfect Sunday School attendance was Dr. Douglas M. Branch, General Secretary-Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, who had delivered the message during the morning worship service.

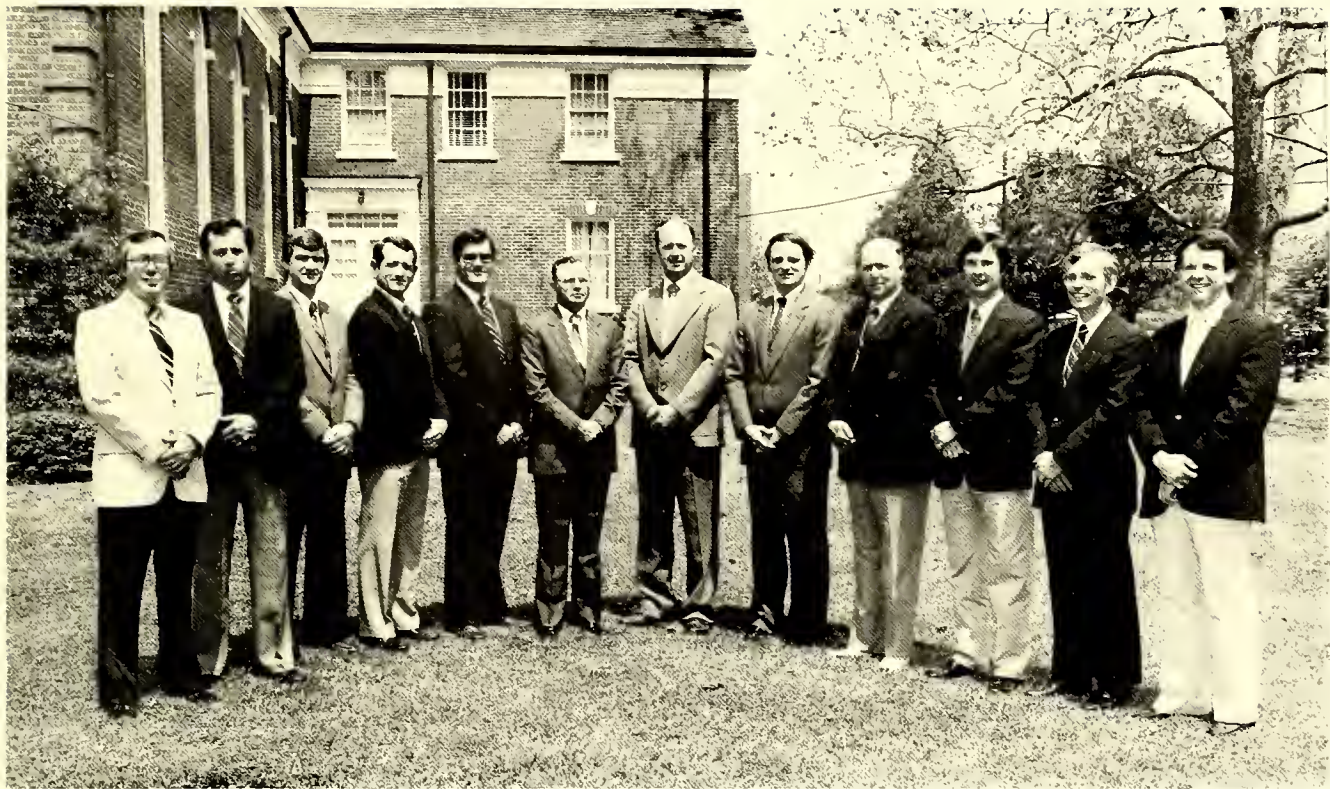


CHURCH LEADERS DISCUSS SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK—Several church leaders gathered in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 25, 1966, to discuss the work of our Sunday School. Shown, left to right, are Walter J. Thomasson—chairman of the deacons, A. H. Davis—a former Sunday

School superintendent, Howard Holly—church treasurer and a Sunday School teacher, Pastor David N. Morris, Mrs. D. O. (Margaret) Matthews—a former superintendent in the Junior Department, Harry W. Williams—Sunday School superintendent.



A HAPPY CONGREGATION—A large number of members, their families and friends attended the morning worship service on Sunday, April 29, 1984. This picture was made immediately following the service as the congregation gathered on the front steps of the church.



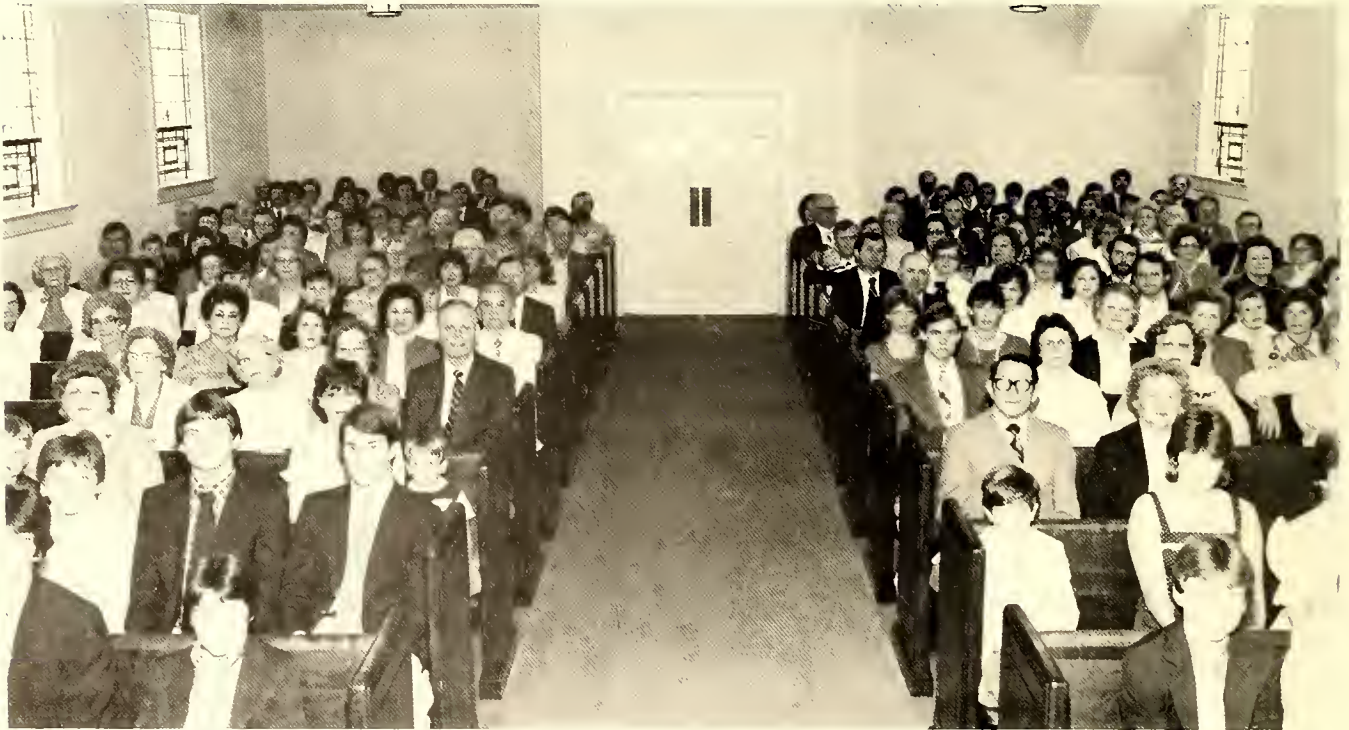
ACTIVE DEACONS—left to right: Jerry Fleming—secretary, Charles Wells—vice-chairman, Joseph Lee Williams, Joseph Clay Jones, Charles White, Franklin Rivenbark—chairman, Larry Johnson, Randolph Spainhour, Marvin Robinson, William Corbett, Gary E. Trawick, Bruce Williams.



RESERVE DEACONS ELECTED BY OUR CHURCH—left to right, first row: Clayton Carter, R. Eugene Brown, Harvey L. Batson, J. B. Lewis; second row: Thomas Zandy, Michael Corbett, David B. Durham, John A. Cash, Jr.; third row: L. R. George, George L. McLendon, Hal Porter, Clarence Dodgens, Howard Holly.



MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE—*The congregation is singing a hymn during the morning service in our beautiful sanctuary on Sunday, April 29, 1984.*



SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 1984—*A large and happy congregation listens attentively during the morning worship service as Pastor Robert L. Phillips, Jr. delivers his sermon.*



OUR CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE—A volunteer nineteen-person committee assisted our pastor in making plans for our 1984 Centennial Observance. Shown left to right, first row: Mrs. William (Lorraine) Gyetvai, Mrs. Moses (Helen) Farmer, Mrs. Clayton (Susie) Carter, Mrs. E. T. (Mary) Batson, Jr., Mrs. Philip (Eleanor) Sasser; second row: Mrs. V. S. (Inez) Covil, Miss Mary Thomas Ramsey, Mrs. Charles (Rosalie) White, Mrs. Richard (Linda) Collins, Mrs. Joseph S. (Mary Ann) Briley, Jr.; third row: Mrs. M. Clifford (Bettie) Warters, Mrs. James N. (Blondell) Tucker, Mrs. Harvey L. (Elizabeth) Batson—secretary, Howard Holly—co-chairman; fourth row: Joseph S. Briley, Jr., Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr., Richard Collins, Robert L. Phillips, Jr.—pastor, Randolph Spainhour—co-chairman; inset: Mrs. David R. (Mary) Williams.



OFFICERS OF CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE—The officers of our Centennial Committee are looking over one of our old minute books. Shown, left to right: Randolph Spainhour and Howard Holly—co-chairmen, Mrs. Harvey L. (Elizabeth) Batson—secretary, Robert L. Phillips, Jr.—pastor.



YOUNGER CHILDREN'S CHOIR—left to right: Kelly Williams, Joseph S. Briley, III, Evans Trawick, Brent Corbett, Hugh Wells.



OLDER CHILDREN'S CHOIR—left to right, front row: Melinda Dixon, Jennifer Murray, Shannon Briley, Amy Wells; second row: Lisa Lanier, Jeffrey Barnhill, Jason Wells.



YOUTH CHOIR—left to right, first row: Mrs. Robert L. (Claudette) Phillips, Jr.—music director, Jennifer Highsmith, Lisa White, Amy Collins, Eva Rivenbark, Melissa Sellers; second row: Robert Wells, Steven Murray, Samuel Wells, Glenn Sellers, II, Robert Barnhill, Jr., Stephen White.



ADULT CHOIR—Left to right, first row: Mrs. Robert L. (Claudette) Phillips, Jr.—music director, Mrs. John A. (Elizabeth) Casha, Jr., Mrs. Michael (Donna) Corbett, Mrs. William C. (Joy) James, Jr., Mrs. William (Brenda) Corbett, Mrs. Charles (Rosalie) White, Mrs. Howard (Elizabeth) Holly, Mrs. John E. (Lottie) Taylor; second row: Mrs. Joseph S. (Mary Ann) Briley, Jr., Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr., Joseph S. Briley, Jr., Larry Johnson, Charles White, Randolph Spainhour, Robert L. Phillips, Jr.—pastor.

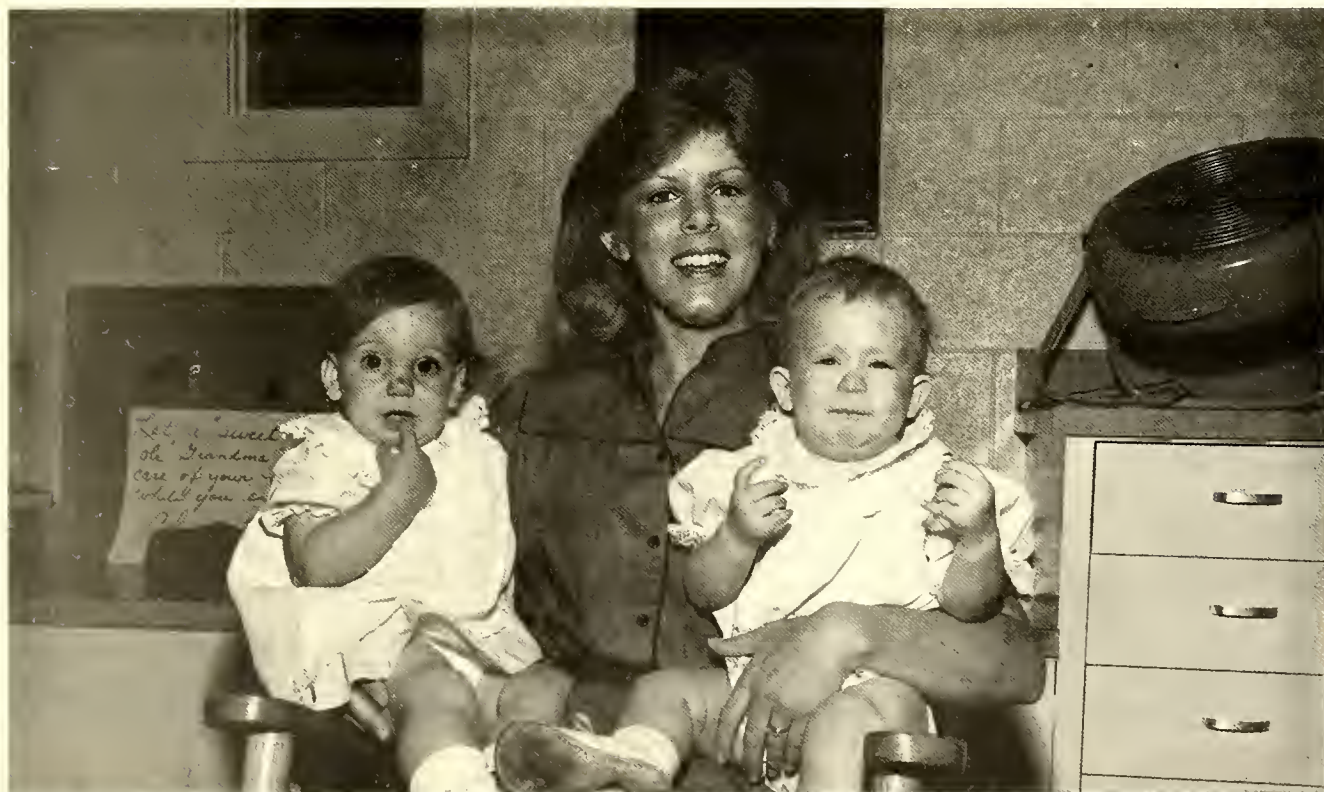
ORGANIST—Our organist, Mrs. Gary E. (Jennings) Trawick is shown at our Allen 705 digital computer organ purchased in 1981 for \$32,240. The organ was dedicated at 3:00 P.M., Sunday, September 19, 1982, during Homecoming Day.



WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OFFICERS AND LEADERS—left to right, first row: Mrs. George O. (Connie) Wells, Jr.—Girls in Action leader, Mrs. Leon (Betty) Wilkes—Director and Mission Study chairman, Mrs. Philip (Eleanor) Sasser—Morning Circle chairman; second row: Mrs. Hal (Elizabeth) Porter—Girls in Action leader, Mrs. V. S. (Inez) Covil—Evening Circle chairman, Mrs. Randolph (Sally) Spainhour and Mrs. Jerry (Anna) Fleming—Mission Friends leaders; third row: Mrs. Gerald (Marlene) Bryant—treasurer and Baptist Young Women chairman, Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr.—Prayer Support chairman, Mrs. Bruce (Cheryle) Williams—Mission Friends leader, Mrs. Michael (Donna) Corbett—Mission Action chairman and Mission Friends leader.



GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS—left to right: Hal Porter—Assistant Sunday School director, Mrs. R. Eugene (Helen) Brown—Adult Department secretary and Assistant Sunday School secretary, Bruce Williams—Sunday School director (Not present when picture was made was Norwood Covil, long-time Sunday School secretary.)



NURSERY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL—left to right: Lauren Chestnutt, Mrs. John M. (Rebecca) Yates—director, Courtney Tucker.



YOUNGER PRE-SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—Mrs. Neil (Kathryn) Lanier, Alisha Fleming.



MIDDLE PRE-SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—left to right, first row: Kyle Corbett, Ashley Tucker, John M. Yates, Jr., Heather Williams, Stephanie Bryant, Michelle Williams; second row: Miss Susan Howard—teacher, Rebecca Wells, Joseph Spainhour, Helen Trawick, Mrs. Hulan (Edna) Hufham—director, James N. Tucker, III, Michael Fleming, Mrs. Joseph Lee (Patricia) Williams—teacher.



OLDER PRE-SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—left to right, first row: Heather Freeman, Kelly Williams, Christopher Keon, Mrs. Charles (Rosalie) White—co-director and teacher, Joseph Lee Williams, Jr., Sarah Trawick, Adam Spainhour, Nicholas Raynor; second row: Mrs. William (Brenda) Corbett—co-director and teacher, Hugh Wells, Trey Bowden.



YOUNGER CHILDREN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL—left to right, seated: Brent Corbett, Jason Raynor, Laura Jordan, Laura Yates, Elaine Ezzell, Erica Meadows, Carrie Taylor, Evans Trawick, Joseph S. Briley, III; standing: Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr.—department director, Mrs. Joseph S. (Mary Ann) Briley, Jr.—teacher.



MIDDLE CHILDREN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL—left to right, seated: Mrs. Leon (Betty) Wilkes—teacher, Mrs. Howard (Elizabeth) Holly—music director; standing: Jessica Collins, Jeffrey Barnhill, Adam Brown, Lisa Lanier.



OLDER CHILDREN (GIRLS) SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—left to right, seated: Lori Taylor, Lori Thompson, Barbara Ezzell; standing: Page Wells (visitor), Jennifer Murray, Mrs. Hugh B. (Virginia) Highsmith, Jr.—teacher, Shannon Briley, Susan Jordan, Belinda Dixon, Amy Wells.



OLDER CHILDREN (BOYS) SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—left to right, first row: Steven Scruggs, David Corbett, Jason Wells, Harry Owens; back row: William Corbett—assistant director and teacher, Mrs. Horace (Judy) Thompson—pianist, Charles White—department director.



SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH (SEVENTH, EIGHTH, AND NINTH GRADES)—left to right, first row: Christopher Meadows, Stephen White, Michael Sawyer (visitor); second row: Elizabeth Thompson, Julie Taylor, Jennifer Highsmith, Lisa White, Amy Collins, Melissa Sellers; third row: Rowe Sawyer, Jr. (visitor), Stephen Owens, III, Joseph Lee Williams—teacher, Robert Barnhill, Jr., Kenneth Barnhill, Steven Murray, Robert Wells, Rodney Scruggs.



SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH (TENTH GRADE THROUGH COLLEGE LEVEL)—left to right: Keith Casha, Hugh B. Highsmith, III, Glen Sellers, II, Randolph Spainhour—teacher, Mrs. Joseph Clay (Shirley) Jones—Youth Department director, Samuel Wells, Forrest Casha.



SINGLES AND COUPLES (FELLOWSHIP) SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—left to right, first row: Mrs. Jerry (Anna) Fleming, Mrs. Randolph (Sally) Spainhour, Mrs. Robert (Cornelia) Barnhill, Mrs. Bruce (Cheryle) Williams, Mrs. Johnnie (Barbara) Fields; second row: Jerry Fleming—substitute teacher, Larry Johnson—teacher, Robert Barnhill, Neil Lanier, Johnnie Fields.



ADULT I WOMEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—left to right, first row: Mrs. Jack R. (Marilyn) Brown, Mrs. James (Betsy) Chestnutt, Mrs. George O. (Connie) Wells, Jr., Mrs. Danny (Sylvia) Raynor, Mrs. John (Carolyn) Freeman, Mrs. William C. (Joy) James, Jr.; second row: Mrs. Darrell (Millie) Dodgens, Mrs. Michael (Donna) Corbett, Mrs. Stephen (Linda) Owens, Jr., Gary E. Trauick—teacher, Mrs. Gerald (Marlene) Bryant, Mrs. Timothy (Mary Elizabeth) Jordan; third row: Mrs. James N. (Terri) Tucker, Jr., Mrs. Linda B. Dixon, Mrs. Hal (Elizabeth) Porter, Mrs. Ervin (Bonnie) Taylor, Mrs. Richard (Linda) Collins, Mrs. Horace (Judy) Thompson, Mrs. Linwood (Barbara) Meadows.



ADULT I MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—left to right, first row: Joseph Clay Jones—teacher, Danny Raynor, Darrell Dodgens, Gerald Bryant; second row: William C. James, Jr., Linwood Meadows, Samuel Lee Williams, III; third row: James Chestnutt, Richard Collins, Joseph S. Briley, Jr., Ervin Taylor—substitute teacher, John Wilkins.



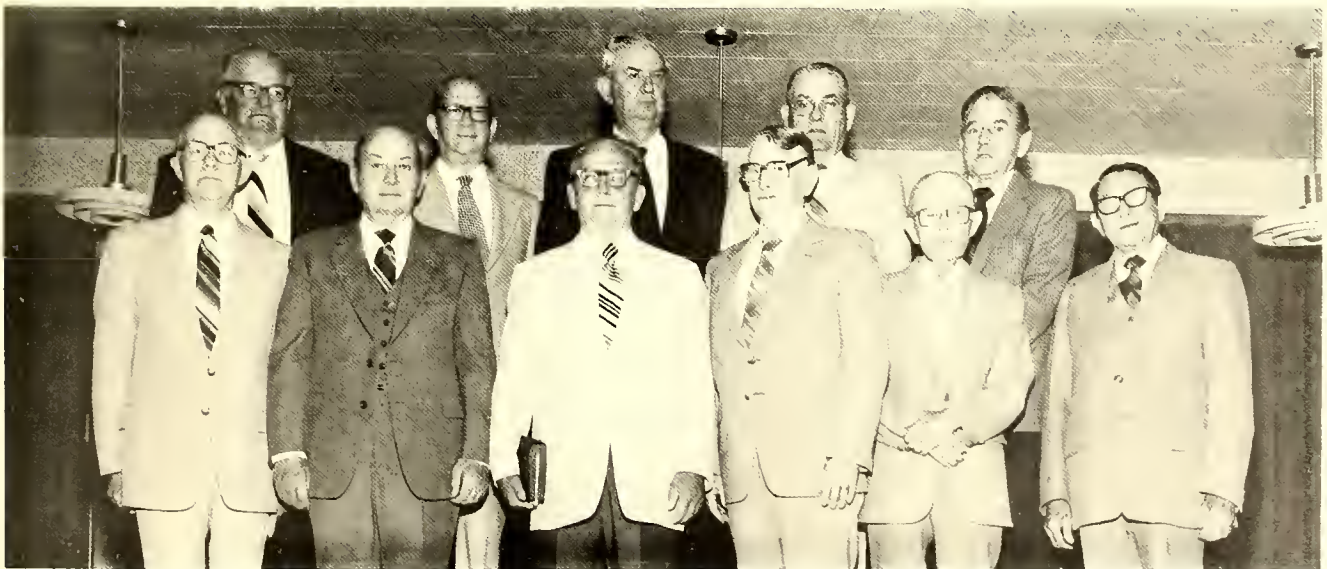
ADULT II WOMEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—left to right, first row: Mrs. Glenn D. (Faye) Sellers—teacher, Mrs. David (Mary) Howard, Mrs. Carl (Ophelia) Gilleland, Mrs. Charles (Ethel Jane) Wells, Mrs. Jasper Glenn (Elsie) Ezzell; second row: Mrs. Hubert (Linda) Wells, Mrs. Boyd (Agnes) Scruggs, Mrs. Milton (Linda) Murray—substitute teacher and Adult Department co-director; Mrs. John A. (Elizabeth) Casha, Jr., Mrs. Garnie (Elizabeth) Herring, Jr., Mrs. Larry (Joann) Johnson, Mrs. Marvin (Launa) Robinson, Mrs. George L. (Cleta) McLendon.



ADULT II MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—left to right, first row: Whrens Williams, Stephen Owens, Jr., Garnie Herring, Jr., Franklin Rivenbark, Timothy Jordan, John A. Casha, Jr.; second row: Marvin Robinson, Clarence Dodgens—teacher, George L. McLendon, John Freeman—substitute teacher, Thomas Zandy; third row: Milton Murray—Adult Department co-director, Charles White, George O. Wells, Jr., Charles Wells, Michael Corbett—substitute teacher.



ADULT III WOMEN'S (ESTELLE TAYLOR) SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—left to right, first row: Mrs. Donnie A. (Doris) English, Mrs. William Lawrence (Betty) Blanton, Howard Holly—teacher, Miss Mary Taylor—substitute teacher, Miss Mary Thomas Ramsey, Mrs. Clayton (Susie) Carter, Mrs. Thomas T. (Nancy) Moore, Mrs. Manley (Catherine) Ennis, Mrs. Carlton S. (Jewell) Harrell; second row: Mrs. Roland (Lois) Batson, Mrs. Herbert (Mary) Ramsey, Mrs. V. S. (Inez) Covil, Mrs. Moses (Helen) Farmer, Mrs. David B. (Sallie) Durham, Mrs. David Vann (Margaret) Harrell, Mrs. John E. (Lottie) Taylor, Mrs. Leroy (Lila) Covil; third row: Mrs. E. R. (Julia Mae) Casey, Mrs. W. F. (Bennie) Best, Mrs. Manley (Della) Blackburn, Mrs. A. L. (Lottie) Zandy, Mrs. William (Lorraine) Gyetvai; fourth row: Mrs. J. C. (Evelyn) Ezzell, Mrs. Percy (Mazie) Wooten, Mrs. Clarence (Katherine) Dodgens, Mrs. Weddell (Laura) Alcock, Mrs. Oscar Nolan (Grace) Sanford, Mrs. Philip (Eleanor) Sasser, Mrs. Robert (Virginia) Herring, Mrs. M. Clifford (Bettie) Warters; fifth row: Mrs. James N. (Blondell) Tucker, Mrs. Harold (Phyllis) Moore, Mrs. E. T. (Ola) Batson, Mrs. E. T. (Mary) Batson, Jr., Mrs. Harry W. (Virginia) Williams, Mrs. Harvey L. (Elizabeth) Batson.



ADULT III MEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—left to right, first row: R. Eugene Brown, Harry W. Williams, J. B. Lewis, Harvey L. Batson, Thomas T. Moore, William Lawrence Blanton; second row: Moses Farmer (visitor), David B. Durham, David Vann Harrell, Donnie A. English, Manley Blackburn (Not present when picture was made were B. L. Davis—teacher and Brodie L. Meadows—substitute teacher.)

SECTION V

OUR 1947-1948 DIRECTORY

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PastorWilliam A. Poole

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BEGINNER: Superintendent—Miss Edna Vann Harrell, Associate Superintendent—Mrs. Hubert (Edith) Westbrook

PRIMARY: Superintendent—Mrs. Charles (Victoria) Lanier, Teachers—Mrs. David B. (Sallie) Durham, Mrs. W. E. (Sadie) George, Jr., Mrs. William James (Virginia) Murray

JUNIOR: Girls' Teacher—Mrs. Vernon (Helen) Batson, Boys' Teacher—Howard Holly

INTERMEDIATE: Girls' Teachers—Mrs. R. W. (Callie) Southerland, Mrs. R. R. (Kathryn) Rich, Assistant Girls' Teacher—Miss Marjorie Smith, Boys' Teacher—Mrs. Claude E. (Margaret) McCullen, Jr.

ADULT:

Philathea Class: Teacher—Mrs. W. C. (Tessie) Dicksey

Young Men's Class: Teacher—W. G. Andrews, Assistant Teacher—R. R. Rich

Adult Women's Class: Teacher—Mrs. Norman C. (Lottie) Blake, Assistant Teacher—Mrs. B. C. (Bertha) Boney

Men's Bible Class: Teacher—John T. Henry

EXTENSION: Superintendent—G. W. Carlton, Assistant Superintendent—Mrs. W. R. (Estelle B.) Harrell

Training Union

- DirectorMiss Ethel Baugh
- Associate DirectorHoward Holly
- General SecretaryMrs. W. R. (Estelle B.) Harrell

Groups

STORY HOUR: Leader—Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr., Associate Leader—Mrs. Hubert (Edith) Westbrook

JUNIOR: Leader—Mrs. David Vann (Margaret) Harrell, Sponsor—Mrs. J. L. (Lillian) Harrell

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- President of Woman's Missionary SocietyMrs. N. C. (Mary Smith) Wolfe
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- Secretary-TreasurerMiss Mary Taylor

Community Missions Chairman—Mrs. R. R. (Kathryn) Rich, Missions Study Chairman—Mrs. W. C. (Tessie) Dicksey, Leader of Young People's Organization—Mrs. Charles (Victoria) Lanier, Sunbeam Leaders—Mrs. W. E. (Sadie) George, Jr., Mrs. John Williamson, Junior Girls' Auxiliary Leader—Mrs. David Vann (Margaret) Harrell, Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Leader—Miss Marjorie Smith, Junior and Intermediate Royal Ambassador Leader—William A. Poole, Young Woman's Auxiliary Leader—Mrs. Claude E. (Margaret) McCullen, Jr.

Ushers

D. O. Matthews—chairman, V. S. Covil, William Lambert, R. Eugene Brown, Wayne Casey, E. T. Batson, Jr., Hubert Harrell, George L. McLendon

Committees

FINANCE: W. R. Harrell—chairman, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Matthews, L. R. George, Miss Mary Taylor

NOMINATING: A. H. Davis—chairman, Miss Ethel Baugh, David Vann Harrell, Harry W. Williams, Mrs. R. R. (Kathryn) Rich

AUDITING: Howard Holly, Guy P. Barger

ORDINANCE: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Casey, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Matthews

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: A. H. Davis—chairman, Mrs. W. R. (Estelle B.) Harrell, D. O. Matthews, Mrs. J. L. (Lillian) Harrell

FLOWERS: Mrs. William P. (Ida) Wells

NEW CHURCH BUILDING PLANNING: W. R. Harrell—chairman, Mrs. Joseph R. (Exie) Casey, A. H. Davis, Harry W. Williams, Mrs. N. C. (Mary Smith) Wolfe

NEW CHURCH BUILDING FINANCE: R. R. Rich—chairman, D. O. Matthews, R. W. Southerland, L. R. George

BUDGET

October 1, 1947–September 30, 1948

Local Expenses

Pastor's Salary	\$2,760.00
Minister's Annuity Fund	110.40
Pulpit Supply	50.00
Janitor	200.00
Building and Grounds	200.00
Incidentals: Literature, Daily Vacation Bible School, Fuel, Lights, Music, Flowers, Associational Minutes, Miscellaneous	500.00
Total for Local Expenses	\$3,820.40

For Others

Cooperative Program	\$ 900.00
N. C. Baptist Orphanage	150.00
Associational Missions	100.00
Total for Others:	\$1,150.00
TOTAL FOR ALL PURPOSES	\$4,970.40

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REPORT OF CHURCH TREASURER

October 1, 1946–September 30, 1947

Balance on Hand, October 1, 1946	\$1,631.15
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Receipts

Regular Offering	\$5,010.64
Special Offerings	559.48
Total Receipts:	\$5,570.12
Total Cash for Year	\$7,201.27

Disbursements

Pastor's Salary	\$2,640.00
Minister's Annuity	105.60
Literature	240.79
Special Collections	737.84
Building and Repairs	512.58
Pulpit Supply	50.00
N. C. Baptist Orphanage	150.00
Cooperative Program	900.00
Associational Missions	100.00
Incidentals	783.44
Total Disbursements:	\$6,220.25
BALANCE, SEPTEMBER 30, 1947	\$ 981.02

(Audited by R. R. Rich and R. W. Southerland)

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Report of Building Fund Treasurer

As of October 31, 1947

Total Amount Received	\$28,002.73
Total Amount Paid Out	1,638.62
ON HAND, OCTOBER 31, 1947	<u>\$26,364.11</u>

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CHURCH ROLL EXACTLY AS LISTED ON NOVEMBER 9, 1947

(Total Membership 465)

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Alexander	Ethel Baugh	Kathryn Bowen
Eunice Aman	John J. Best	Marion Bowen
W. G. Andrews	Mrs. W. F. Best	Margaret Bowen
Mrs. W. G. Andrews	Mrs. E. T. Blackman	Nell Bowen
W. Mansel Baker	Roscoe Blackman	P. B. Bowen
Mrs. W. Mansel Baker	Herbert Blackman	Mrs. P. B. Bowen
Clifton Bannerman	Mrs. A. C. Blake	Paul Bowen
Guy Barger	Ann Blake	Rayford Bowen
Mrs. Guy Barger	Clifton Blake	Mrs. T. E. Bowen
Mrs. D. C. Barnhill	Herman Blake	Mrs. Thelma M. Bowen
Cy Basden	Jane Blake	Charles Bowles
Evelyn Basden	Lloyd Blake	Mrs. D. P. Boyette, Jr.
Annie Batson	Mae Blake	Mrs. James Brennan
Arthur Batson	N. C. Blake, Jr.	Mrs. Sam J. Brothers
Cecil Batson	N. C. Blake, Sr.	Clarence Brown
Delma Batson	Mrs. N. C. Blake, Sr.	Hazel Brown
E. T. Batson, Jr.	Rae Blake	H. F. Brown
Mrs. E. T. Batson, Jr.	Fulton Blanchard	Mrs. H. F. Brown
E. T. Batson, Sr.	Mrs. Fulton Blanchard	Rachel Brown
Mrs. E. T. Batson, Sr.	H. G. Blanchard	Raeford E. Brown (Gene)
Ellis Batson	J. T. Bland, III	Basil Bullard
Ennis J. Batson	William L. Bland	Mrs. Ernest Bullard
Farris Batson	B. C. Boney, Sr.	Mrs. Chrissie Burns
Mrs. Farris Batson	Mrs. B. C. Boney, Sr.	Johnnie Burns
Faye Batson	Robert Booth	G. W. Carlton
Harvey Batson	Mrs. Robert Booth	Mrs. G. W. Carlton
Mrs. Harvey Batson	A. E. Boswell	J. H. Carlton
Jake F. Batson	Mrs. A. E. Boswell	Mrs. J. H. Carlton
Mrs. Jake F. Batson	Mrs. Helen Bowden	Mrs. J. R. Carmichael
Kirby Batson	J. L. Bowden	C. E. Carpenter, Jr.
Lawrence Batson	Mrs. J. M. Bowden	Mrs. C. E. Carpenter, Jr.
Louise Batson	Ross Bowden	Mrs. Verona Carroll
Milton Batson	Billy Bert Bowen	Clayton Carter
Robbie E. Batson	Charles Bowen	Mrs. Clayton Carter
Roland Batson	David Bowen	J. R. Casey, Jr.
Mrs. Roland Batson	D. E. Bowen	Mrs. J. R. Casey, Jr.
Rosabell Batson	Mrs. D. E. Bowen	J. R. Casey, Sr.
Mrs. Rosabell Batson	Frank Bowen	Mrs. J. R. Casey, Sr.
Roy R. Batson	Frank I. Bowen (Fib)	Wayne Casey
Vernon B. Batson	I. S. Bowen	Mrs. Wayne Casey
Mrs. Vernon B. Batson	Mrs. I. S. Bowen	Wirt Casey
Virginia Batson	Janie Bowen	Arthur Chadwick
Henry L. Baucom	Jerome Bowen	William Chadwick, Jr.
Mrs. Henry L. Baucom	Joyce Bowen	William Chadwick, Sr.

Mrs. William Chadwick, Sr.
 Mrs. Daisy Chinis
 Buster Collins
 Edna Collins
 Edward Collins
 Edwin Collins
 H. T. Collins, Jr.
 Mrs. J. H. Collins
 Marguerite Harrell Collins
 Johnnie Corbett
 Mrs. J. R. Corbett
 Sam Corbett
 Mrs. Brooks Costin
 Ernest Cottle
 James Cottle
 Vance Cottle
 Mrs. Vance Cottle
 Edward G. Covil
 O. L. Covil
 Mrs. O. L. Covil
 Mrs. Roy Covil
 V. S. Covil
 Mrs. V. S. Covil
 Mrs. W. V. Covil
 Mrs. Amelia W. Cowan
 D. W. Cowan
 J. T. Cowan
 Mrs. J. T. Cowan
 Madge Cowan
 Oliver A. Cowan
 Thomas S. Cowan
 James Elby Crews
 Otis Crews
 Mrs. E. M. Crockett
 F. T. Croom, Jr.
 Mrs. F. T. Croom, Sr.
 Mrs. May Croom
 Mrs. Doris Chadwick Crowe
 John T. Crutchfield
 Mrs. Mildred Bowen Cutler
 Dr. A. H. Davis, Jr.
 A. H. Davis, Sr.
 Mrs. Bessie Davis
 Johnnie Davis
 J. W. Davis
 Marion Davis
 Dr. Roy B. Davis
 Mrs. Ethel R. Deal
 Jesse Dicksey
 W. C. Dicksey
 Mrs. W. C. Dicksey (Tessie)
 D. M. Drew
 Mrs. Ruth William Duncan
 David B. Durham
 Mrs. David B. Durham
 Doris Ann Durham

Janet Durham
 Mrs. Robert Eakins
 Graham English
 Mary Alice English
 Mrs. Catherine C. Ennis
 Mrs. Graham Ferrell
 Mrs. Jean Zandy Fidler
 Mrs. Louise B. Fisher
 Mrs. Gisper Frasier
 C. M. Futch
 Lester L. George
 Lucius R. George, Jr.
 Lucius R. George, Sr.
 Mrs. Lucius R. George, Sr.
 Willie George, Jr.
 Mrs. Willie George, Jr.
 Mrs. Willie George, Sr.
 Sammie Goss
 Willie Goss
 Norman Graham
 Mrs. Catherine Sumner Guthrie
 Chenkie Guyton
 L. L. Guyton
 Mrs. Christine Futch Hamilton
 Mrs. S. L. Hamilton
 A. A. Harrell
 Blanche Harrell
 Carlton S. Harrell
 Mrs. Carlton S. Harrell
 Charles Harrell
 Chauncey Harrell
 David Vann Harrell
 Mrs. David Vann Harrell
 Edna Vann Harrell
 Eleanor Harrell
 Herbert Harrell
 Hubert Harrell
 Hugh Harrell
 Mrs. J. L. Harrell
 J. T. Harrell
 Mrs. J. T. Harrell
 Mrs. Marie Brothers Harrell
 Miriam Harrell
 Roy E. Harrell
 Victoria Harrell
 W. R. Harrell
 Mrs. W. R. Harrell (Estelle B.)
 Wilburn Harrell
 William Harrell
 Willis Harrell
 Mrs. Thelma W. Harvey
 Mrs. J. H. Hearn
 Helen Heath
 Catherine Jane Henry
 J. T. Henry
 Mrs. J. T. Henry

Roselyn Henry
 Mrs. J. F. Herring
 Robert Herring
 Mrs. Robert Herring
 Mrs. Gladys Sumner Hickman
 Edna Ruth Highsmith
 Edward Highsmith
 Ernest Lee Highsmith
 Mrs. Hugh Bradford Highsmith
 Mrs. Sallie Highsmith
 Sam Highsmith, Jr.
 S. L. Highsmith, Sr.
 Mrs. S. L. Highsmith, Sr.
 David W. Hocutt
 John C. Hocutt
 Katie M. Hocutt
 R. L. Hocutt
 Mrs. R. L. Hocutt
 Mrs. D. F. Holly
 Howard Holly
 Graham Horne
 L. W. Horne, Jr.
 Mrs. L. W. Horne, Jr.
 L. W. Horne, Sr.
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 Carlene Horrell
 Harvel Horrell
 Mrs. Harvel Horrell
 Mrs. Nettie W. Horrell
 Mrs. Pauline Bowen Hosom
 Mrs. Nina Huffman
 Mrs. Dorothy B. Hughes
 Tom C. Humphrey
 Sam H. Ingram
 Mrs. Sam H. Ingram
 Glenn Ives
 Mrs. Glenn Ives
 Mrs. Hildreth Marshburn Jeffries
 Janie Lee Johnson
 Mrs. Margaret Johnson
 Mrs. Eva K. Kay
 Mrs. Dale Kellum
 Mrs. Bessie Kendall
 Hill E. King
 Mrs. Hill E. King
 Mrs. Jack King
 Mrs. Edward Kuntz
 John T. Lambert
 Mrs. John T. Lambert
 Betty Jane Lanier
 Charles D. Lanier
 Mrs. Charles D. Lanier
 Donald Lanier
 Effie Lanier
 Hilda Lanier
 Linda Lanier

Mrs. Luther Lanier
 Mary Thomas Lanier
 Mrs. Dutch Lewis
 Phillip W. Lewis
 Mrs. Phillip W. Lewis
 Ben Long
 Mary E. Long
 William A. Mahoney
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 Andrew Marshburn
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 L. W. Matthews
 Mrs. L. W. Matthews
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 Mrs. Maggie Simmons Melton
 Mrs. J. C. Meredith
 Mrs. Roger Miller
 Perry Mobley
 Mrs. Carl Moore
 Edward Moore
 J. C. Moore
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 William Moore
 Mrs. Lyda Blake Morrison
 Gordon Murray
 Mrs. Jesse Murray
 Mrs. Milton Murray
 William James Murray
 Mrs. William James Murray
 Wendell Murray
 L. Q. Myers
 Mrs. W. C. Myers
 J. W. McConnell
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 C. E. McCullen, Jr.
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 A. A. McLendon, Jr.
 A. A. McLendon, Sr.
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 Betty Anne McLendon
 George Lee McLendon
 Margaret McLendon
 Mrs. Jew Horne Odom

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 T. P. Parker
 Mrs. T. P. Parker
 Mrs. Steve Pearsall
 Mrs. Doris H. Penny
 Mrs. Margaret Blake Pollock
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 Mary Lilly Pope
 Mrs. C. T. Pullen
 Mrs. Aubrey Ramsey
 Eugene Ramsey
 Mrs. H. B. Ramsey
 Herbert Ramsey
 Mrs. Herbert Ramsey
 Mrs. Lena Ramsey
 Mary Thomas Ramsey
 Mrs. John Register
 Mrs. Carolyn H. Reid
 Mrs. Nessie Reitzell
 R. R. Rich, Jr.
 R. R. Rich, Sr.
 Mrs. R. R. Rich, Sr. (Kathryn)
 Ethel Launa Rivenbark
 Harvey Rivenbark
 Mrs. Joe Rivenbark
 Mrs. Joe Ed Rivenbark
 Lillian Rivenbark
 M. V. Rivenbark, Jr.
 M. V. Rivenbark, Sr.
 Mrs. M. V. Rivenbark, Sr.
 May Rivenbark
 Pearl Rivenbark
 Mrs. Sylvia Maxwell Rivenbark
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SECTION VI

OUR CENTENNIAL-YEAR DIRECTORY

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Pastor Robert L. Phillips, Jr.

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Franklin Rivenbark—chairman, Charles Wells—vice-chairman, Jerry Fleming—secretary, William Corbett, Larry Johnson, Joseph Clay Jones, Marvin Robinson, Randolph Spainhour, Gary E. Trawick, Charles White, Bruce Williams, Joseph Lee Williams

TRUSTEES

Gary E. Trawick—chairman, David B. Durham, R. W. Southerland, Harvey L. Batson

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Clerk	Mrs. James (Betsy) Chestnutt
General Fund Treasurer	Miss Mary Thomas Ramsey
Music Director	Mrs. Robert L. (Claudette) Phillips, Jr.
Organist	Mrs. Gary E. (Jennings) Trawick
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Building Fund Treasurer	Charles Wells
Memorial Fund Treasurer	Mrs. Herbert (Mary) Ramsey
Bible School Co-Directors	Mrs. Danny (Sylvia) Raynor
	Mrs. Franklin (Brenda) Rivenbark
Sunday School Director	Bruce Williams
Assistant Sunday School Director	Hal Porter
Sunday School Secretary	Norwood Covil
Woman's Missionary Union Director	Mrs. Leon (Betty) Wilkes

COMMITTEES

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MEMORIAL FUND: Mrs. Herbert (Mary) Ramsey—chairman, Charles M. Harrell, Mrs. E. T. (Mary) Batson, Jr.

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MUSIC: Mrs. Moses (Helen) Farmer—chairman, Mrs. Joseph S. (Mary Ann) Briley, Jr., Mrs. Milton (Linda) Murray, Randolph Spainhour, Mrs. W. L. (Phyllis) Croom, Jr.

ORDINANCE: Mr. and Mrs. William C. James, Jr.—chairman, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Sander-son

BENEVOLENT: Mrs. Philip (Eleanor) Sasser—chairman, Joseph S. Briley, Jr., A. C. Skinner, Jr., Danny Raynor, Mrs. Charles R. (Mildred) Hughes

FLOWERS FOR DECEASED: Mrs. David R. (Mary) Williams

LIBRARY: Roy Barnhill—chairman, Miss Mary Taylor, Miss Susan Howard, Mrs. William Lawrence (Betty) Blanton

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SOCIAL: Mrs. Charles (Rosalie) White and Mrs. William (Brenda) Corbett—co-directors, Mrs. Robert (Cornelia) Barnhill, Mrs. William C. (Joy) James, Jr., Mrs. John (Emily) Baker

YOUTH: Gary E. Trawick—chairman, Mrs. Joseph Clay (Shirley) Jones, Mrs. Charles (Ethel Jane) Wells, Kenneth Barnhill, Hugh B. Highsmith, III

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SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS AND TEACHERS

NURSERY: Director—Mrs. John M. (Rebecca) Yates, Assistants—Mrs. John A. (Elizabeth) Casha, Jr., Mrs. Linwood (Barbara) Meadows, Mrs. Rex (Mary) O'Briant, Mrs. Ervin (Bonnie) Taylor, Mrs. Gerald (Marlene) Bryant

YOUNGER PRE-SCHOOL: Director—Mrs. Neil (Kathryn) Lanier, Mrs. Juanita C. Casey

MIDDLE PRE-SCHOOL: Director—Mrs. Hulan (Edna) Hufham, Miss Susan Howard, Mrs. Joseph Lee (Patricia) Williams

OLDER PRE-SCHOOL: Co-Directors and Teachers—Mrs. Charles (Rosalie) White, Mrs. William (Brenda) Corbett

YOUNGER CHILDREN, MIDDLE CHILDREN: Director—Mrs. William B. (Dorothy) Simmons, Jr., Music Director—Mrs. Howard (Elizabeth) Holly, Younger Children Teacher—Mrs. Joseph S. (Mary Ann) Briley, Jr., Middle Children Teacher—Mrs. Leon (Betty) Wilkes, Assistant Teachers—Mrs. Stephen (Linda) Owens, Jr., Mrs. David Vann (Margaret) Harrell, Mrs. Robert (Cornelia) Barnhill, Mrs. David (Mary) Howard

OLDER CHILDREN: Director—Charles White, Assistant Director and Teacher—William Corbett, Pianist—Mrs. Horace (Judy) Thompson, Teacher—Mrs. Hugh B. (Virginia) Highsmith, Jr., Substitute Teachers—Miss Mary Taylor, Robert Barnhill

YOUTH: Director—Mrs. Joseph Clay (Shirley) Jones, Teachers—Randolph Spainhour, Joseph Lee Williams, Substitute Teacher—Mrs. James (Betsy) Chestnutt

ADULT: Directors—Mr. and Mrs. Milton Murray, Secretary—Mrs. R. Eugene (Helen) Brown, Pianist—Mrs. Robert L. (Claudette) Phillips, Jr., Assistant Pianist—Mrs. W. L. (Phyllis) Croom, Jr.

SINGLES AND COUPLES (FELLOWSHIP CLASS): Teacher—Larry Johnson, Substitute Teacher—Jerry Fleming

ADULT I WOMEN: Teacher—Gary E. Trawick

ADULT I MEN: Teacher—Joseph Clay Jones, Substitute Teacher—Ervin Taylor

ADULT II WOMEN: Teacher—Mrs. Glenn D. (Faye) Sellers, Substitute Teacher—Mrs. Milton (Linda) Murray

ADULT II MEN: Teacher—Clarence Dodgens, Substitute Teachers—Michael Corbett, John Freeman, Glenn D. Sellers

ADULT III WOMEN (ESTELLE TAYLOR CLASS): Teacher—Howard Holly, Substitute Teacher—Miss Mary Taylor

ADULT III MEN: Teacher—B. L. Davis, Substitute Teacher—Brodie L. Meadows

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	Mrs. Jerry (Anna) Fleming
	Mrs. Michael (Donna) Corbett

CHURCH BUDGET

October 1, 1983—September 30, 1984

ITEM	AMOUNT
Cooperative Program	\$ 10,560
Associational Missions	2,750
Baptist Children's Homes	1,000
Baptist Homes for the Aged	500
Baptist Hospital	500
Local Benevolent Fund	2,000
Bible Teaching in School	330
Cape Fear Southern Baptist Fellowship	300
Pastor's Salary	20,400
Pastor's Travel	3,700
Pastor's Retirement	1,600
Pastor's Household Utilities	2,400
Pastor's Convention Expense	1,000
Pastor's Hospitalization	2,000
Pastor's Supply and Visiting Speakers	400
Youth Director's Salary	6,825
Secretary's Salary	3,120
Music Director's Salary	2,530
Custodian's Salary	6,160
Social Security	1,350
Sunday School	3,600
Youth Program	2,000
Church Training	200
Vacation Bible School	1,100
Revivals	1,000
Conferences and Assemblies	750
Woman's Missionary Union	880
Brotherhood (Including R. A.s)	200
Mature Adult Program	250
Operation of Van	1,540
Lights, Heat, Water, Telephone, Insurance	11,500
Building and Grounds	9,800
Music Supplies	900
Office and Pastor's Supplies	3,075
Nursery	150
Social Committee	600
Library	500
Miscellaneous	800
Centennial Committee	2,000
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TOTAL	\$110,270
Goal for Building Fund	\$ 2,000

(Several amendments have been made to the budget since it was adopted.)

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A Prayer

*O Thou whose hand hath brought us
Unto this joyful day,
Accept our glad thanksgiving,
And listen as we pray;
And may our preparation
for this day's service be
With one accord to offer
Ourselves, O Lord, to Thee.*

*For this Thy house we praise Thee,
Reared at Thine own command,
For every generous spirit
and every willing hand.
And now within Thy temple
Thy glory let us see,
For all its strength and beauty
Are nothing without Thee.*

*And oft as here we gather
And hearts in worship blend,
May truth reveal its power
And fervent prayer ascend.
Here may the busy toiler
Rise to the things above;
The young, the old be strengthened
And all men learn Thy love. Amen.*

—Frederick W. Goadby



